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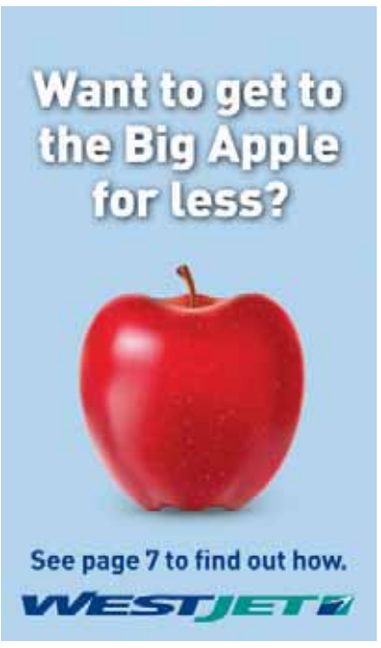

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Nikos Kapetaneas and Caitlin Morgan are suing the Toronto Police Services Board for $25,000 each in small-claims court for negligence, assault and battery, and intimidation during the G20 summit in 2010. RICHARD LAUTENS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Protest couple suing cops over G20 violence

Officer unmasked. Police watchdog identifies officer seen in widely circulated photograph

It was an image that came to represent just about everything that went wrong with policing during the G20 Summit. One badgeless officer, face covered with a gas mask and visor, apparently kicking a protester in the back at Queen's Park.

Nearly two years later, Nikos Kapetaneas, the 25-year-old environmentalist pictured in the photograph, body tense and face wincing, finally has the name of the officer: Const. Oliver Simpson — also implicated in the high-profile Adam Nobody case.

Caitlin Morgan claims she was next to her partner, Kapetaneas, when she was kicked forcefully in the side by the same cop on the Saturday of the June 2010 summit. The couple is suing the Toronto Police Services Board (which employs Toronto police officers) for negligence, assault and battery, and intimidation. The two separate lawsuits, filed last week in small-claims court, seek $25,000 each in damages.

None of the allegations have been proved in court. Police have not yet been served the lawsuit, said the couple's lawyer Davin Charney.

The incident occurred just south of Queen's Park and was captured on video. The couple says they came to the legislature after work because they believed it was the designated free-speech zone and sat down on a grassy median as a show of peaceful protest. They were then attacked by a line of police using kicks, punches, batons and pepper spray, according to court documents.

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Will it be Sid's show on ice?

Pittsburgh is putting Sidney Crosby back in the lineup, and Penguins' coach says The Kid is still 'best hockey player in the world' PAGE 38

New TTC exec mum on subway

CEO Andy Byford makes his first official statement, but says the LRT debate is for politicians — he's just there to relay transit truths PAGE 3

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New York visitors can still find that retro vibe at a number of venues seen on Mad Men. Martini-and-oyster lunch, anyone? PAGE 26

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Possible weekend funeral in the works for Mariam

Memorial. Although police have not confirmed suicide, forensic evidence indicates as much

Just days after police put Mariam Makhniashvili's name to the remains found in a north Toronto ravine, the parents of the long-lost teen are making final arrangements to lay their only daughter to rest.

The funeral could take place as early as this weekend, said Calvin Barry, a Toronto defence lawyer who represented father Vakhtang during an aggravated-assault trial last year.

Mariam's skeletal remains were found by a pair of passersby last month in a wooded ravine beneath the 401 highway overpass near Yonge Street — more than two years after the 17-year-old vanished while walking to Forest Hill Collegiate.

Police confirmed Mariam's death last week and said the teen likely fell more than 16 metres from the overpass to her death.

Investigators do not suspect foul play.

The girl's disappearance outside her high school the morning of Sept. 14, 2009, sparked a massive, cross-continental search that lasted two-and-a-half years, leaving investigators baffled and a family devastated.

Police visited Mariam's mother Lela Tabidze at her north Toronto apartment last Friday to share the grim news.

Mariam's father, Vakhtang, is serving a six-year sentence at the maximum-security Millhaven Institution for stabbing three people.

He was also told Friday about the discovery of his daughter's remains, police said.

On Monday, Barry said he and Tabidze planned to travel to Millhaven Institution near Kingston the following day to discuss Mariam's funeral plans with Vakhtang.

It's not known whether Vakhtang will be permitted to leave prison to attend his daughter's funeral — but a Correctional Services policy notes that prisoners can be granted temporary leaves of absence to attend an immediate family member's funeral service.

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Homicide squad Staff Insp. Greg McLane confirms uncovered human remains as those of Mariam Makhniashvili, pictured on the screen, in Toronto on Friday. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

New TTC CEO steers clear of subway issue

Newly minted TTC CEO Andy Byford stands at a press conference with TTC chair Karen Stintz. ROBYN DOOLITTLE/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

In his first official statement as TTC CEO, Andy Byford talked the title change, customer service and speaking his mind without fear — but he wouldn't talk subways.

When asked if he would support Mayor Rob Ford's underground-only vision for transit expansion, Byford sidestepped the specifics.

"What I will be doing is offering frank and fearless advice to the mayor's office, to the chair and to the commission, and pretty much to whoever asks it," he said. "My job as a transit professional is to know my facts. Obviously I have opinions based upon experience, but I will certainly be apolitical in that."

And what are those opinions?

Byford said the subway-versus-LRT debate is a matter of public policy, which is therefore a matter for council and the commission to set.

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Council's final say

- **Circle your calendar.** Council will be discussing the subway-versus-LRT issue at the highly anticipated March 21 council meeting.
- **Decision.** It is then that council will issue its definitive verdict on what kind of transit is going to be built on Sheppard Avenue.

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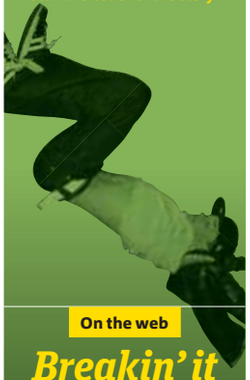
Mobile news

The boyfriend of a fatal car accident victim is using a series of heart-wrenching text messages to warn people not to text and drive. Scan the code for the story.



On the web

Breakin' it down to build 'em back up

What began as a breakdancing lesson has evolved into a "confidence-building class" for students with disabilities. Watch at metronews.ca/video

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Picture perfect March Break camp for airport employees' kids

Toronto Pearson. 25 kids with cameras explore the 1,867-hectare compound as GTAA hosts its first March Break camp

A group of school kids arrived at Toronto Pearson airport on Tuesday for a March Break getaway, but they didn't get on a plane. In fact, they didn't leave the grounds.

This trip was a staycation for children of Greater Toronto Airport Authority employees — moms and dads who can't get time off during one of the year's busiest vacation periods.

The GTAA hosted the camp and Toronto Star photographers Rene Johnston and Tim Finlan were the instructors, sharing tips on camera handling, lighting, angles and composition prior to a two-hour behind-the-scenes tour. Some of the group's work will appear at the star.com.

The experience showed sons and daughters that their parents toiled at a "very cool" place. For instance, who knew there were two fire stations within the airport grounds, staffed by 80 firefighters?

"Before I thought Toronto Pearson was just a place where people just came and left, came and left, a boring sequence of events," said 11-year-old Amir Buser of Brampton, whose mother works in accounting.

"But now I realize how busy this place is."

About 38,000 people work at the airport on a daily basis, with 1,200 of them GTAA employees, said Toronto Pearson spokesperson Trish Krale.

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Kids' pics

- The children photographed the airport's private inner workings, revealing a world much different from the familiar sight of terminals teeming with sun-seeking travellers.
- A falconer and his predator bird, million-dollar snowplows, airstrip-level views of landing and leaving planes, and 150-metre blasts of water from a fire engine's 4,500-gallon tanks were among the children's powerful images.

Claudia Browne talks with Toronto Star photographer Rene Johnston during a tour of the Airfield Maintenance Facility at Pearson International Airport during March Break day camp on Tuesday. TIM FINLAN/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Foundation laid for Ripley's aquarium downtown

A construction crew pours the foundation pads for the giant shark tanks at the Ripley's Aquarium of Canada site, south of the CN Tower. KEITH BEATY/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The concrete floor of what will be Toronto's biggest fish tank, in the city's first tourist attraction in two decades, is down. Now we wait for sharks.

Construction crews at the Ripley's Aquarium of Canada site south of the CN Tower poured the massive, 40-centimetre-thick pad on Saturday. Finishers worked until the wee hours of Sunday, then left the slab to cure for two weeks.

"We did it in one continuous pour so there aren't any 'cold joints,'" that could make a leaky seam, said Joe Choromanski, Ripley's vice-president of husbandry, in an interview from the company's Orlando headquarters.

"It's huge, it's a huge exhibit," he said of the 2.8-million-litre shark tank, the centrepiece of the $130 million aquarium (including $11 million from the Ontario government) set to open in summer 2013.

Construction is now about one-fifth complete, Choromanski said, adding that this winter's warm temperatures helped keep work on schedule.

Ripley's, owned by B.C. billionaire Jim Pattison, operates aquariums in Gatlinburg, Tenn. and Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Choromanski said Ripley's has a special concrete formula that includes fly ash, a by-product of burning coal, to make the concrete extra waterproof.

And because sharks have a highly developed sensitivity to electrical fields, that leads them to distant prey, no wiring is laid under the tank's thick bottom slab.

The fish will start arriving in spring 2013.

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Coming attraction

- Visitors will glide through the tank on a moving sidewalk, looking up and around at creatures such as four-metre-long sand tiger sharks, stingrays the size of area rugs and sawfish.
- In total, various tanks will be home to more than 13,500 marine and freshwater fish in 5.7 million litres of carefully formulated solution that will start as Toronto tap water.

TTC

Man gets 50 days in jail for subway station assault

A 49-year-old man who assaulted a TTC employee at Dundas Station Jan. 18 was sentenced Tuesday to 50 days in jail. The TTC says on average two employees are assaulted every day. METRO

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Police watchdog clears cops in shooting

The province's police watchdog has cleared Halton regional police officers after a woman was injured when they opened fire on an SUV.

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Jim Hearst. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

EMS

Changes suggested to emergency response

The death of a man as he waited for medical assistance has prompted a coroner's jury to make 29 recommendations aimed at preventing a similar tragedy.

James Hearst died of a heart attack in the hallway of his Toronto apartment in 2009 while waiting for the city's Emergency Medical Service to respond.

Calls for a standard operating procedure when paramedics respond, and requiring dispatchers to ask 911 callers exactly what happened, were among the recommendations.

The jury also suggested creating a distinction between "unknown trouble calls" and an "unknown medical problem."

The incident happened during the city's labour strike, but no direct links have been made to that.

The jury heard six weeks of testimony during the inquest.

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Couple's hostage-taking not rare: Lawyer

Stephen Aube and his wife, Laura Milcawich, seen here in an image posted on Facebook, were attacked in Vilcabamba, Ecuador, on March 8. A prosecutor in the country says their experience is not that rare. FACEBOOK

Ecuador. 'It happens sometimes. You can't deny it,' prosecutor admits

Armed attacks in the Vilcabamba area of Ecuador, such as the recent alleged hostage-taking that sent a Toronto woman to hospital, have happened before, says the prosecutor responsible for the case.

"It's not something that happens every day," Lorgia González Jaramillo told the Toronto Star, referring to armed attacks against foreigners or locals. "It's not rare, either. It happens sometimes. You cannot deny it."

Stephen Aube and his wife, Laura Milcawich, were on vacation near the southern city of Loja when they were reportedly approached by men carrying guns and machetes. Milcawich was attacked and is now in hospital in stable condition.

Details about the incident remain murky, but Aube's sister, Rachel, as well as a hotel worker in Ecuador, said the attackers demanded Aube leave and fetch $3,000 while armed gunmen kept Milcawich. She later jumped from a 15-metre mountainside to evade her attackers.

Sgt. Ervin Parra, of the Judicial police, said the couple provided physical descriptions of some attackers, but no leads have emerged.

Authorities in Loja produced a suspect on Friday, but Aube, a 40-year-old self-described spiritual healer, was unable to identify the man and the individual was released, said Rogelio Orellana, the public prosecutor originally responsible for the case.

The foreign affairs department has issued a warning unrelated to the recent incident, advising Canadians to avoid non-essential travel to Vilcabamba. A report on its website details similar attacks and robberies on foreigners in the region's Mandango mountains.

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Ponytails on the chopping block

Jacqueline Ribeiro of Continental Hair in Toronto puts the finishing touches on Lily, 4, who donated her hair on Tuesday. Donors gave more than 130 inches of their hair to Wigs for Kids and, in return, had their hair cut and styled by professionals. Special guest Rapunzel from Disney On Ice: Dare to Dream also dropped by to say hello and to thank everyone for their donation. CONTRIBUTED

Province considering temporary GTA casino

Gambling industry. Permanent home for gambling in GTA at least four years away, province says

A temporary casino could spring up in the Toronto area as the region waits four to six years for a swank new gaming centre to be built.

The province wants to move quickly to implement the sweeping reforms laid out in the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation's strategic business review, a government source said.

Unveiled on Monday, the "modernizing" review calls for a new casino to be built in the Toronto area and perhaps another in Ottawa. At the same time, money-losing gaming centres will close. The changes will eventually add $1.3 billion to the public purse — money needed to fight the $16-billion deficit.

A temporary casino in the GTA would depend on municipal approval.

Toronto Mayor Rob Ford has expressed his desire for a casino in the city, but no discussions have taken place with any GTA municipality, Finance Minister Dwight Duncan said.

"We'll determine where the best business case is and what makes most sense," he said.

While a location for a new gaming facility in the GTA has yet to be decided, Woodbine Racetrack in the west end, the CNE, Ontario Place and the Port Lands southeast of downtown have been touted as possibilities.

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Trial. People knew smoking risks decades ago: Ex-tobacco exec

A retired tobacco spokesman told a historic civil trial that people suing cigarette companies today must have been "blind" if they missed reports dating back to the 1960s that smoking could be harmful.

During the first full day of testimony Tuesday, he said his company was under fire over the potential health risks decades ago from a skeptical media and public, which stopped believing tobacco companies' statements on the issue.

Michel Descoteaux, who headed Imperial Tobacco's public-relations department for more than two decades, is the first witness in a landmark class-action suit, the biggest civil trial in Canadian history. It pits Quebec smokers against Canada's three biggest cigarette companies: Imperial Tobacco Canada Ltd.; Rothmans, Benson & Hedges; and JTI-Macdonald.

The smokers accuse the tobacco companies of misleading them over the years about the potential danger from cigarettes.

The landmark case, with up to $27 billion at stake, is also considered the biggest class-action suit in Canadian history and is the first time tobacco companies have gone to trial in a civil suit in Canada.

Taking the witness stand, Descoteaux said the evidence the company actually had in the 1960s, gathered by company scientists and researchers, was that there was no link between smoking and public health.

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'Blind'

"Public opinion was cigarettes were causing all kinds of deaths and the company (made) comments that weren't in keeping with that.... You would have had to be blind to see that we had no credibility with the media and it was the same with the smokers and the general public."

Michel Descoteaux

Protesters get union support

Two striking students dance as thousands demonstrate against tuition hikes Tuesday in Montreal. Two of Quebec's largest labour unions have thrown their support behind striking students and will march with them at their big rally on March 22.

PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Legislation. We'll work to soften the new federal crime bill, Quebec says

Quebec's vigorous opposition of the Harper government's freshly adopted crime legislation entered a new phase Tuesday as the province pledged to minimize the bill's impact on its soil.

The Quebec government, already angered by the legislation's potential cost to the provinces, announced that it would do everything in its power to limit the clout of the sweeping bill that passed a day earlier.

Because the provinces are responsible for applying the laws passed in Ottawa, Quebec's justice minister said he can hand judges and prosecutors instructions that would soften the impact of Bill C-10 — particularly when it comes to youth offenders.

Under the plan, provincial officials said they will ask that a young offender's name only be made public in exceptional circumstances; relieve prosecutors of the obligation to demand an adult sentence for someone under 16; and create a program to treat drug addicts instead of imprisoning them.

Justice Minister Jean-Marc Fournier said the moves emphasize the importance of rehabilitating, re-educating and reintegrating young offenders and is based on a philosophy outlined in a 2008 Supreme Court of Canada decision.

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Procedure

New charges in toxic-injection case

A Florida woman accused of illegally injecting toxic substances, such as flat-tire sealant, into women's buttocks as an enhancement procedure faces new charges. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dawn raids

Phone-hacking scandal nets arrests

Former News International executive Rebekah Brooks and her racehorse-trainer husband Charlie were arrested Tuesday in dawn raids.

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Ontario ratepayers pick up the tab on power

Ontario had more power than it could use Sunday, which effectively meant it paid out-of-province customers to use it. DAVID DUPREY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mild temperatures, high winds, spring run-off and a weekend combined to send the price of power below zero on Sunday in Ontario.

But despite the near-record negative price — which means, in theory, that producers are paying customers to take electricity — Ontario ratepayers will still pick up the tab.

The market price of electricity averaged minus 2.1 cents a kilowatt hour on Sunday, according to the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO).

On the full day's production, the market generated a total of minus $7.8 million for the negative-priced output.

The below-zero prices were triggered in part by low demand. Mild temperatures meant that there was little need for either heating or air conditioning, while the weekend meant that many workplaces are closed.

Meanwhile, the spring run-off boosted production at hydro stations. And strong winds pushed wind output above 1,400 megawatts at times — that's about the same output as the main generating station at Niagara Falls.

As well, some connections to Quebec were out of service, bottling up power in Ontario and contributing to the surplus.

The market price for power never got above 3.2 cents a kilowatt hour on Sunday, and fell as low as minus 12.8 cents a kilowatt hour.

Some power users benefit. Export customers, in neighbouring states and provinces, can "buy" the below-zero power and get a credit for it. So can some big Ontario industrial customers who buy on the wholesale market.

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Niagara Falls

- **More water.** While the negative prices may have cost consumers money, they made it a good day to see Niagara Falls. For several hours Sunday, controllers throttled back production at the big generating station to curb production. That meant more water plunged over the Falls instead of being diverted through the generators at Queenston.

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Nickson enrolled in the program after becoming intrigued by the fact that a college was offering a bachelor of commerce degree in this field. He was attracted to the program's hands-on focus and the various financial and insurance designations he could earn at the completion of his degree. The program also offered a paid co-op placement, which sealed the deal for him.

It was through his co-op that Nickson landed his current job as a Renewal Analyst with Empire Life Insurance — a position that ordinarily requires at least five years of industry experience.

Nickson's story mirrors that of Barbara Adamek whose curiosity was also piqued by college degree offerings after seeing a transit ad for the Financial Services Management program. At the time, Barbara was studying economics but left university to earn her degree at Seneca. She now works as a Senior Personal Banking Officer at Scotiabank. Like Nickson, it's a position she landed thanks to a co-op placement.

"I had the credentials needed through Seneca to be hired at this level," Barbara says. "So they were able to promote me within two months of starting at the bank."

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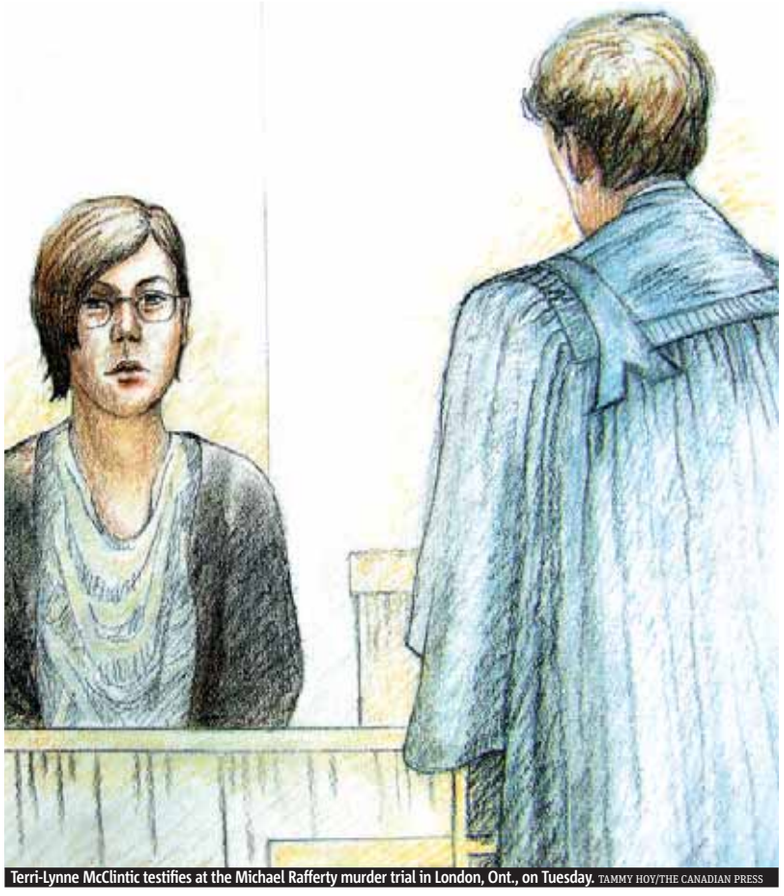

Terri-Lynne McClintic testifies at the Michael Rafferty murder trial in London, Ont., on Tuesday. TAMMY HOY/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Teary McClintic testifies, 'I told her that I was sorry'

Caution: Graphic content. Eight-year-old Tori Stafford died after being struck multiple times with a hammer

Pent-up rage from childhood trauma caused an 18-year-old woman to smash eight-year-old Victoria Stafford's head with a hammer, killing the girl she had kidnapped and her boyfriend had just sexually assaulted, court heard Tuesday.

The drug-addicted young couple slowly drove past a Woodstock, Ont., elementary school on April 8, 2009, when Michael Rafferty urged Terri-Lynne McClintic to kidnap a young girl for him, McClintic testified at Rafferty's first-degree murder trial.

She snatched Tori outside the school, luring her with a puppy, and they drove her 100 kilometres north to a rural area where Rafferty violently sexually assaulted the girl, said McClintic. "I told her that I was sorry," McClintic said through deep breaths, long pauses and tears. "She told me, 'Just don't let him do it again.'"

Tori said she needed to use the washroom, so McClintic — who said she had wandered away so she wouldn't have to see what was going on — walked back to the car to help her. When that happened she could see blood in the snow, McClintic said. She told Tori she was a "very strong girl," then handed her back to Rafferty, she said. McClintic walked away again and could hear Tori's screams, she said. They prompted her to have flashbacks — to what she didn't say.

"I went back to the vehicle and I savagely murdered that little girl," McClintic testified.

McClintic pleaded guilty to first-degree murder in April 2010 and is serving a life sentence. Rafferty has pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder, sexual assault causing bodily harm and kidnapping.

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More testimony

- **The meeting.** McClintic and Rafferty met at a pizza shop in February 2009, went for a drive and had sex in his car.
- **Lead up.** Rafferty said things that had bothered McClintic, but she ignored them because she so badly wanted to have finally found a good man. "There'd be times that he would say things. We would be driving past schools and he would make a comment like, 'It would be so easy to do this.'"
- **Violent past.** McClintic had several convictions for assaults before she met Rafferty and was wanted by police on a warrant for a parole violation, breach of custody and supervision.

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Probable cause to hold soldier: U.S. military

As bullets flew, the Afghan woman scooped up her three-year-old niece and ran for their lives. Moments later, the woman was dead and the girl lay bleeding from a gunshot wound.

It was the closing scene of a massacre that left 16 civilians, including nine children, dead in two villages in southern Kandahar province.

The U.S. is holding an army staff sergeant that military officials say slipped off a U.S. base before dawn Sunday, walked to the villages, barged into their homes and opened fire. Some of the corpses were burned. Eleven were from one family. Five others were wounded.

The military said Tuesday there was probable cause to continue holding the soldier, who has not been named, in custody. U.S. Secretary of Defence Leon Panetta has said he could face capital punishment.

Villagers — angry at foreign troops, frustrated with their government and tired of war — recounted the tragedy to a delegation sent to the scene by President Hamid Karzai. Two who lost relatives insisted at least two soldiers took part in the shootings.

President Barack Obama pledged a thorough investigation, saying the U.S. was taking the case "as seriously as if it was our own citizens, and our children, who were murdered."

In Afghanistan's first significant demonstration since the killings, protesters burned an effigy of Obama as well as a cross, which they used as a symbol of people who are Christians. The also called for the death of the soldier who has been accused.

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Afghan villagers pray on Tuesday for the victims of Sunday's killing of civilians, allegedly by a U.S. soldier in Panjwai, Afghanistan. ALLAUDDIN KHAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Project. Cracking the climate-change question

Time trek. Western University professor aims to trek through history to look into future

Money awarded

- **Program.** $1.4 million is the amount of money awarded through Canada Research Chairs program for the climate research project at Western University.

What's up with this weather?

Western University Prof. Fred Longstaffe has, in a way, been curious about that for nearly two decades. Now, he's putting that curiosity to the test through a seven-year research project aimed at tracking climate change back to a time when mastodons roamed the Earth.

"You do wonder whether (unseasonable temperatures) is one of those regular weather anomalies or whether we're starting to see a larger manifestation of climate change," said Longstaffe, who works in the university's earth sciences and anthropology departments. "It's hard to tell with these singular events. The research work we're trying to do is taking a longer view, what I call taking a look back to the future."

Longstaffe will do his work by studying oxygen isotopes in water throughout history. Isotopes act as a sort of tape recorder for the climatic conditions present when they were formed, and water leaves a lasting mark when it comes into contact with living things, Longstaffe said.

That means researchers can figure out what the weather was like in certain time periods by examining the water "signatures" in fossils and plant remains. From that, Longstaffe hopes to piece together a history of climate change in the Great Lakes basin and, of course, predict the future.

"The history … gives you some kind of idea about the fluctuations of climate," he said. "We can then look to see if … the variations we're seeing are more rapid or severe than we've seen before."

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Activists protest use of cluster bombs

A South Korean activist wears a mask depicting a cluster bomb as police officers stand guard during a campaign on Tuesday to ban landmines and cluster bombs in Cambodia, near the foreign ministry in Seoul.

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Halifax

Striking transit workers accept new deal

Striking transit workers in Halifax have voted to accept a new five-year collective agreement nearly six weeks after walking off the job, bringing buses and ferries to a halt in Atlantic Canada's largest city.

Ken Wilson, president of the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 508, said 88 per cent of the 644 members who voted Tuesday approved the deal, which also requires city council's approval. "(We) explained to the membership that as far as we're concerned, this is the best offer we see in the very near future," Wilson said. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Ecological gem

Forest will keep its protected status

Ontario has scrapped plans to expand mining in an ecological gem that is home to North America's largest stand of old-growth red pine trees near Temagami.

A Toronto Star story in December detailed the Ministry of Natural Resources proposal to change the "forest reserve" designation for 340 hectares around Wolf Lake, 50 kilometres from Temagami, to "general use" which puts a greater focus on mining instead of forests and recreation.

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Old-growth red pine trees from Wolf Lake near Temagami.

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Motorists

Drivers to face a hike in fees

Ontario motorists will help eliminate the province's deficit by paying more in driving and licence fees with the cost going to $80 from $75 next year. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Former soldier gets 6,060 years

1982 Guatemala massacre. Soldiers bludgeoned villagers, threw them down a well, raped women and girls before killing them

A former member of an elite Guatemalan military force extradited from the United States last July was sentenced to 6,060 years in prison Monday for his role in the killings of 201 people in a 1982 massacre.

Pedro Pimentel Rios was the fifth former special-forces soldier sentenced to 6,060 years or more for what became known as the "Dos Erres" massacre after the northern Guatemala hamlet where the killings occurred during the country's 1960-1996 civil war.

The sentence, handed down by a three-judge panel, is largely symbolic since under Guatemalan law the maximum time a convict can serve is 50 years.

Pimentel Rios, 54, is a former instructor at a Guatemalan training school for an elite military force known as the "kaibiles."

Pimentel lived in Santa Ana, Calif., and worked in a sweater factory for years until he was detained by immigration authorities in May 2010. He was extradited to Guatemala the following year.

Guatemala's civil war claimed at least 200,000 lives before it ended in 1996. The country's U.S.-backed army was responsible for most of the deaths, according to the findings of a truth commission set up to investigate the bloodshed.

In December 1982, several dozen soldiers stormed the village of Dos Erres, searched homes for missing weapons and systematically killed men, women and children. Soldiers bludgeoned villagers with a sledgehammer and threw them down a well according to court papers filed in a case brought by U.S. prosecutors against another former kaibil.

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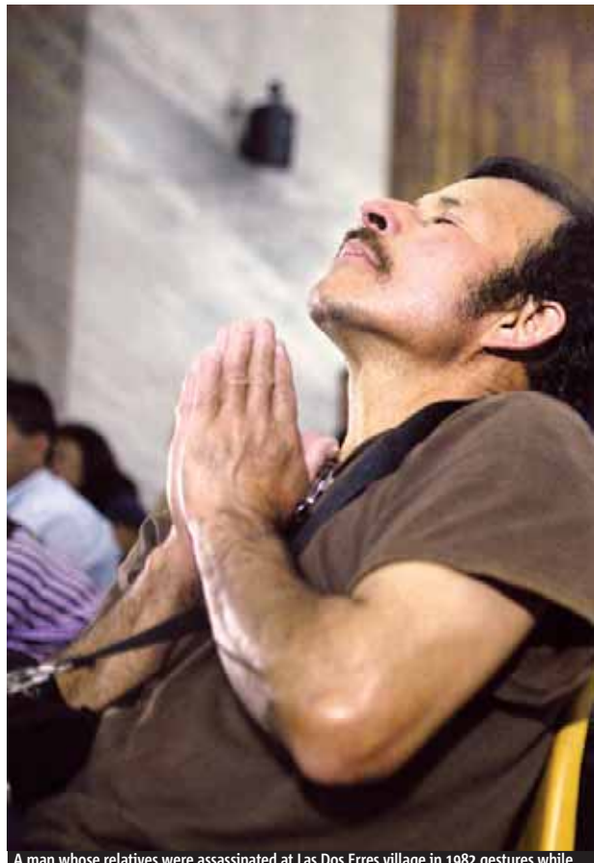
Symbolic sentence

201 x 30

The sentence specified 30 years for each of the 201 deaths, plus 30 years for crimes against humanity.

Felicita Romero holds an image of her mother, a victim of the Dos Erres massacre, at the trial of Pedro Pimentel Rios. MOISES CASTILLO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



A man whose relatives were assassinated at Las Dos Erres village in 1982 gestures while the Supreme Court of Justice in Guatemala City on Monday. JOSE MIGUEL LAM/GETTY IMAGES

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Main causes of rate increases and how to avoid them

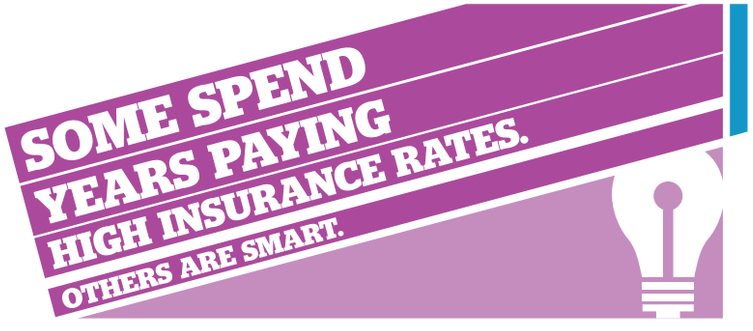
Insurance rates are determined using a variety of factors such as your driving history, where you live and what kind of car you drive. Over time the weighting of the various factors may change, along with the insurance company's experience in the market which results in changes to the rates charged. Although in some cases drivers might see a rate decrease, for the most part it is insurance rate increases that are most noticed and more prevalent. An auto insurance rate increase can happen for a variety of reasons.

Insurance companies review their rating on a regular basis, ensuring that they are up to date with current statistics and trends. This can mean that an insurance rate will increase simply because the results for that particular profile have changed. It could be that the vehicle is more commonly stolen, or the cost to repair it has increased due to rarity of parts. Company-wide rate changes are the hardest to accept for many drivers, but they are also often the reason a driver decides to take the time to obtain insurance quotes and shop for a better rate.

People will likely see an increase in their car insurance rates on the first insurance renewal date following an incident that affects their driving record. There are two ways in which a driver's record might change, causing an insurance rate increase – a traffic violation or an accident in which the driver has been found at fault. An at-fault accident will almost always result in an increase unless the driver has accident forgiveness coverage on the policy. Even then, not all accidents fall under the forgiveness conditions and a rate increase might follow.

There are also a number of factors aside from driving record that can result in a rate increase on an insurance policy, such as where the vehicle is kept, commute distance and who primarily drives the vehicle.

Since each insurance company has their own approved rates and can change them frequently, the best way to make sure you are paying the best rate available for your profile is to shop around. With so many online quoting services available, it makes sense to spend a few minutes every time the policy renewal comes in to check your rate against those offered by other insurance companies.



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1994 investigation

Kaibil cases neglected for years

Guatemala opened an investigation into the killings in 1994 and unearthed 162 skeletons. Several years later, authorities issued arrest warrants for 17 kaibiles but the cases languished.

In August 2011, a Guatemalan court sentenced three other former special forces soldiers to 6,060 years in prison each for the massacre. A former army second lieutenant was sentenced to 6,066 years.

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Former elite soldier Pedro Pimentel at his trial in Guatemala Monday.
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Diet. An eat-less-salt campaign lacked that winning flavour: Study

A study couldn't tell if an eat-less-salt campaign changed any eating habits in a test case in eastern Ontario.

The federal government and local health centres kicked off a campaign in 2009 to try to persuade people to consume less sodium.

Registered dieticians came up with dozens of "quick and easy" tips to reduce sodium, such as mixing olive oil, lemon juice and herbs instead of using bottled marinades, or adding your own seasoning to chicken.

"There were no significant differences documented for participants reporting they reduced the amount of sodium they ate in the past 30 days," the study says.

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Don't pass the salt

Ottawa's sodium-reduction strategy calls on manufacturers and restaurants to voluntarily cut sodium levels.

- **Too much.** The average Canadian consumes about 3,400 milligrams of sodium a day. Ottawa would like to see that lowered to 2,300 milligrams by 2016.

Tall story?

Tallest man is short on growth

The world's tallest man — eight-foot-three Sultan Kosen, 29, of Turkey — may have stopped growing, thanks to new medication from the University of Virginia Medical Center. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sexy story?

$100,000 bail in prostitution case

Jaynie Baker, charged with helping run a Manhattan prostitution ring, posted $100,000 bail Tuesday. The case is linked with accused multimillion-dollar madam Anna Gristina.

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Dozens die, dozens more go missing after ferry sinks

On the banks of the Meghna River, relatives wail for the loved ones they have lost. PAVEL RAHMAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

River of death. Among those killed was a young woman found cradling the lifeless body of her baby

A ferry packed with about 200 people capsized in a river in southern Bangladesh on Tuesday, killing at least 31 people and leaving dozens missing.

Local police chief Mohammad Shahabuddin Khan said about 35 people were rescued after the ferry sank on the Meghna River after colliding with a cargo boat.

Divers have recovered 31 bodies from inside the sunken ferry, he said.

He said the dead included a young woman found cradling her baby's lifeless body.

"The death toll is likely to rise as more bodies are feared trapped inside," Khan said.

One of the divers, Mohammad Alauddin, said there were still bodies inside the sunken ferry, some of them buried under cargo.

Hundreds of anxious people, many of them weeping, gathered near the scene of the accident to look for their loved ones.

The MV Shariatpur-1 was travelling to the capital, Dhaka, from neighbouring Shariatpur district to the southwest. The accident site is in Munshiganj district, 32 kilometres south of Dhaka.

Businessman Dulal Dewan, a survivor, described a scene of chaos as the ferry collided with the other ship.

"In minutes there were screams all around," he said. "People were shouting for help."

Dewan said he was rescued by a nearby boat, but eight other family members travelling with him were still unaccounted for.

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Survivor

"I was awakened with a big jolt. I jumped into the river in darkness."

Dulal Dewan, a businessman who survived

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Education. Londoner wants to put HTML on curriculum

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A 25-year-old London web designer is leading a campaign to put "web languages" HTML, CSS and Javascript on the national curriculum, so that every child in Britain ("and then the world") receives a compulsory education from the age of six.

"I want to teach the world to code," Alasdair Blackwell told Metro. "It's about empowering people to control their computers, instead of the other way round."

Trial. Husband sobs at murder trial for dead sons

A father sobbed on the witness stand on Tuesday as he recalled how he found his two young children dead in a cold bathtub in the family home south of Edmonton.

Curtis McConnell was testifying at the trial of his former wife, Allyson, who is charged with murdering two-and-a-half-year-old Connor and 10-month-old Jayden two years ago.

McConnell said he went to the house in Millet because police had told him his wife had fallen off a bridge in Edmonton.

He said he instantly became concerned for his children.

He and Allyson were in the middle of a bitter divorce battle and she wanted to take the children to her native Australia. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Italy. Mayor bans locals from dying after town feud

Since the start of the month it has been illegal to die in the town of Falciano del Massico.

The village is home to approximately 3,700 people, 50 kilometres from Naples in southern Italy.

Mayor Giulio Cesare Fava issued the tongue-in-cheek decree because the village has no cemetery and it is feuding with a nearby town that has one.

This is creating a logistical nightmare for residents and town officials about what to do with remains and how to respectfully dispose of the deceased. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Death

"Unfortunately, two elderly citizens disobeyed."
Giulio Cesare Fava, after two people died

Crime. Quebec will to soften effects of Bill C-10

The debate isn't over yet for the Conservative government's criminal-justice legislation — at least not in Quebec.

The provincial government announced Tuesday that it would do everything in its power to limit the clout of the legislation that passed a day earlier.

Because the provinces are responsible for applying the laws passed in Ottawa, Quebec says it will work to soften Bill C-10 where possible.

The provincial minister said he will issue a directive to various players in the justice system to avoid applying the strictest provisions of the crime bill — particularly when it comes to youth offenders. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Egypt. Bandits attack villagers as law and order continues to break down

A gang of robbers attacked villagers in southern Egypt after being surprised by police while trying to steal railroad tracks for scrap metal, officials and witnesses said Tuesday.

Residents of Sanaa in the Kharga oasis 520 kilometres south of Cairo said the robbers exchanged fire with police and took villagers as hostages. One resident was killed during the fighting.

While such violence is on the upswing all over Egypt in the aftermath of the uprising that ousted President Hosni Mubarak a year ago, the Sinai desert has become especially lawless, with kidnappings, robberies and attacks on Egypt's gas pipeline to Israel and Jordan becoming routine. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Analysis of violence

- **History.** The breakdown in law enforcement dates back to the uprising, when widely hated police were chased from the streets.
- **Effect.** They have hesitated to return in full force, and a crime wave in relatively peaceful Egypt has resulted.

Argentina

Rape victims win abortion rights

Argentina's Supreme Court has ruled that any rape victim can get an abortion, setting a precedent in a country where abortions are generally illegal. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Middle East

Israel says Turkey is unsafe

Israel is calling on its citizens to stay away from Turkey because of intelligence warning of attacks against sites frequented by Jews and Israelis there. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Was Lizzie the killer?

Mystery. Lawyer's journals shine new light on the infamous axe murders

The meticulously detailed notebooks of Lizzie Borden's murder-trial lawyer may finally change the public's mind about the notorious woman long believed to have whacked her parents with an axe.

"This is the first glimpse we have into how a member of the defence team worked in building that case," Michael Martins, curator of the historical society in Borden's hometown of Falls River, Mass., told the Toronto Star on Tuesday.

The defence won: after deliberating for only 90 minutes, a jury acquitted 32-year-old Lizzie of killing her father and stepmother in their home one August morning in 1892.

Despite that victory, Borden would be remembered by history as the woman who gave her stepmother 40 whacks and when she was done, gave her father 41.

Martins hopes the 119-year-old notebooks full of new and previously unpublished material, donated by the grandson of lawyer Andrew Jackson Jennings, might finally dispel those Borden myths.

Jennings interviewed many Fall River townspeople, including a friend of Lizzie's who said Borden showed her her healthy bank balance after the murders as evidence she had no reason to kill her parents.

A man Jennings interviewed described Andrew Borden's pleasure at receiving regular letters from Lizzie while she was travelling.

Both details, said Martins, show Andrew and Lizzie were not estranged and Andrew wasn't the skinflint he's portrayed as.

The Jennings notebooks, once preserved and read fully, should corroborate other material that has shown "most of the accepted fact is wrong and we know it's wrong" about the Borden family. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Quotable

"There's no smoking gun, but there will be some interesting insight."

Michael Martins
On who killed Andrew and Abby Borden

Lizzie Borden shortly after her acquittal of killing her father and stepmother in their home in 1892, taken in Newport, R.I. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

Groups want Sri Lankan war crimes probed

Human-rights groups have called for renewed international pressure on Sri Lanka to investigate allegations of serious crimes during its war with the Tamil Tigers, saying lack of accountability is fostering a sense of impunity among security forces who continue to carry out abuses under the guise of anti-terror operations nearly three years after the conflict ended.

In a report launched in Geneva on Tuesday, Amnesty International said dozens of people in Sri Lanka have been abducted and tortured by security forces since 2009, and hundreds are being held in illegal detention without contact to the outside world. Among those detained are suspected Tamil Tigers, but also lawyers, journalists and human-rights activists, said Sam Zarifi, Amnesty International's Asia-Pacific director.

Sri Lanka's 26-year war ended in 2009, after government troops defeated the separatist Tamil Tiger rebels. A UN panel report has concluded there are credible allegations that both the government and the rebels committed serious abuses that could amount to war crimes. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ohio

Man guilty in Amish fraud scam

A U.S. man has agreed to plead guilty to defrauding fellow Amish in 29 states out of nearly $17 million in a case that has shaken the traditional community. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Internet study. Online users value privacy but lack know-how: Report

Most Internet users resent having their online behaviour tracked but few know how to protect themselves, a study of search-engine use says.

Only 38 per cent of adult users surveyed knew how to protect their privacy, says a study released Friday by the nonpartisan Pew Research Center of Washington, D.C.

Of those, 81 per cent said they delete their web history to limit personal-data collecting, 75 per cent said they use the privacy settings of certain websites and 65 per cent said they change their browser settings.

"If we ask this question again a year from now, it will be interesting to see if awareness is higher," associate research director Kristen Purcell said in a phone interview.

The Pew Center's Internet and American Life Project set out in February to study people's experience using Internet search engines.

By coincidence, Google announced that the information from its Google search engine, its Google+ social-networking site, YouTube and Gmail can be collected and combined into a cohesive online user profile if such a user is signed to those sites.

Security savvy

"If we ask this question again a year from now, it will be interesting to see if awareness is higher." Kristen Purcell, associate research director, Pew Research Center

The data can be used to personalize a user's future Google search results based on their past ones, and target advertising to match a user's apparent interests.

Between 65 per cent and 73 per cent of respondents said they disapprove of personal information being collected for such purposes because such tracking amounts to privacy invasion, or because targeted ads are annoying.

Overwhelmingly, Google ranks as the search engine of choice — for 83 per cent of adult Internet users, followed by Yahoo at six per cent, the study says. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Rare earth trade case grows

U.S. President Barack Obama makes remarks about a trade case against China with Commerce Secretary John Bryson, left, and Trade Representative Ron Kirk at the White House on Tuesday. The U.S. is bringing a new trade case to the WTO, seeking to end China's export restrictions on rare earth minerals.

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Encyclopedic end

No more books for Britannica

Encyclopaedia Britannica announced Tuesday that it will stop publishing print editions of its flagship encyclopedia, which will not be available in book form for the first time in 244 years. The company will continue to publish digital versions. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Vudu viewing

Walmart launches streaming service

People who own DVDs or Blu-ray discs from five participating movie studios will be able to permanently access them on Walmart's Vudu online-streaming service by paying $2 per movie, the retail giant announced Tuesday. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Hello, fellow cat jugglers.

Of course, it just feels as if we're juggling cats. In reality, we're juggling meetings, unreasonable demands, inboxes, texts, tweets and PowerPoints. Did I mention unreasonable demands?

And if you drop one, it feels just like an unhappy tomcat landing on your face.

Here's some good news: You've already survived the peak cat-juggling moment of the week, which, according to a 2011 British survey of 3,000 employees between 18 and 45 by Michael Page International, is Tuesday morning at 10 a.m.

It's all downhill from that point. From there, it's just kitten bouncing.

You might be surprised that it's not Monday, the traditional black cat that curls up in the cubicles of wage slaves. The survey reveals that people aren't really back to work Monday; they're easing themselves back into the saddle, catching up with colleagues about the weekend and ignoring emails and in-baskets.

The trouble is, none of that stuff goes away, and by Tuesday at 10 a.m. the cats start howling.

A good time to go for coffee. Or walk the dog.

Personally, I think Sunday, bloody Sunday, is the most stressful time of the week, particularly Sunday afternoon, which is when you start thinking about what it's going to be like on Tuesday morning. There you are, sharing a gelato with your honey on a fine Sunday afternoon, and it occurs to you that you better get that presentation done by Tuesday at 10 a.m., or the boss will feed you to the tigers.

For a lot of people, every day is a bad day. Three-quarters of the survey respondents are done by 11:16. Every day.

Considering there are still five hours and 45 minutes remaining in the average work day, we have a problem. If the survey is in any way a reflection of reality, three-quarters of us should just put on our coats and go home before noon, and leave the afternoon to those people who are actually working. They may not even notice as you go by, because those tabbies are tough to twirl by their tails and require a lot of attention and dexterity.

(And treats. Don't forget that, if all else fails, cats are easy to bribe with tuna snacks.)

Punch in, check out?

If you believe the survey, one in five should not even bother to turn up in the morning, because they're done by 9 a.m.

If you believe the survey, one in five should not even bother to turn up in the morning, because they're done by 9 a.m. Never mind hump day or TGIF, these people need extended beach therapy, which consists mainly of unregulated access to drinks with little umbrellas.

Plus, when was the last time you saw a cat on the beach?

Are you an office juggler or a cat-napper? GANDINI JUGGLERS/CONTRIBUTED

A lesson from the sky

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25 Palestinians dead

Four-day rocket fire ends in truce

ASHDOD, ISRAEL. Some Israeli school girls take cover next to a bus during a rocket attack from the Gaza Strip, 38 kilometres south of Ashdod.

An Egyptian-brokered truce on Tuesday quelled cross-border fire between Israel and Palestinian militants, which left 25 dead in Gaza and three wounded in Israel.

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Violence ebbs

"Until last night, our house was shaking. The bombing has been terrible because it came out of nowhere. A total surprise, that's the worst part."

Yasmeen El Khoudary, 21, Gaza City-based blogger and activist

Arrow II interceptor

Israel repels 3 out of 4 rockets

DEFENCE. "This was a mini drill," for Iran, claimed one official after Israel managed to absorb some 75 per cent of Palestinian rocket fire over a four-day period, using its Iron Dome missile interceptor system.

The other Arrow II interceptor, so far proven only in trials, has a shoot-down rate of some 90 percent.

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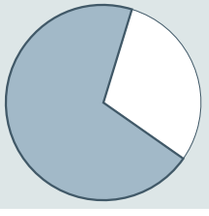

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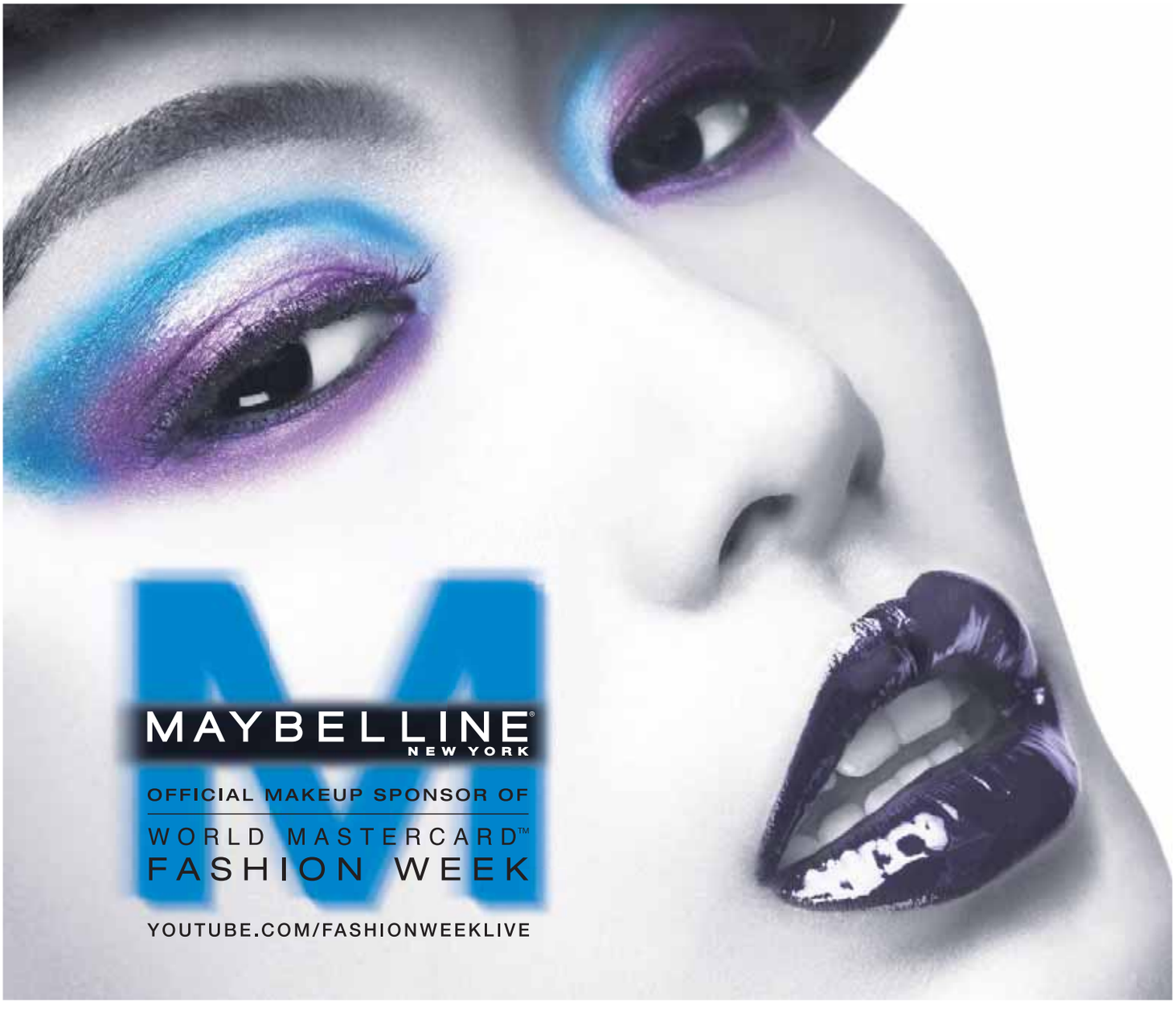

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Stage notes

What's On Stage: March Break

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With March break here parents who are looking to enjoy some of the city's cultural pursuits with their kids still have some great options.

Here are some tried and true kid-friendly March break options:

At Toronto's Young People's Theatre (YPT) a fresh take on Michael Ende's timeless Never-ending Story will delight children and their families. Join Bastian as he tries to save the land of stories, Fantastica, from obliteration. March Break matinees have been added and tickets are only $10-$30 (YPT: 165 Front st. E).

At the Royal Ontario Museum now is a great time to catch the marquee exhibit Maya: Secrets of Their Ancient World before it closes in April. Kids will especially enjoy making Mayan crafts and learn how to build a Maya pyramid. Also over March Break the ROM is hosting a special show entitled: Bring Back the Wild which features wild cats, bald eagles and lemurs. This week there are three shows daily at 11:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m. (ROM: 100 Queen's Park Crescent).

This weekend at the Harbourfront Centre enjoy Fred Piston and His 7 Trumpets a free concert this Sunday, March 18. The young and likeable Fred Piston stops by with his seven trumpets and invites Torontonians to join him for a musical demonstration celebrating music in all its forms. (Harbourfront: 235 Queen's Quay West)

And for a post March break treat, kid favourite Shrek, the Musical opens on March 20 at the Toronto Centre for the Performing Arts (5040 Yonge st.)

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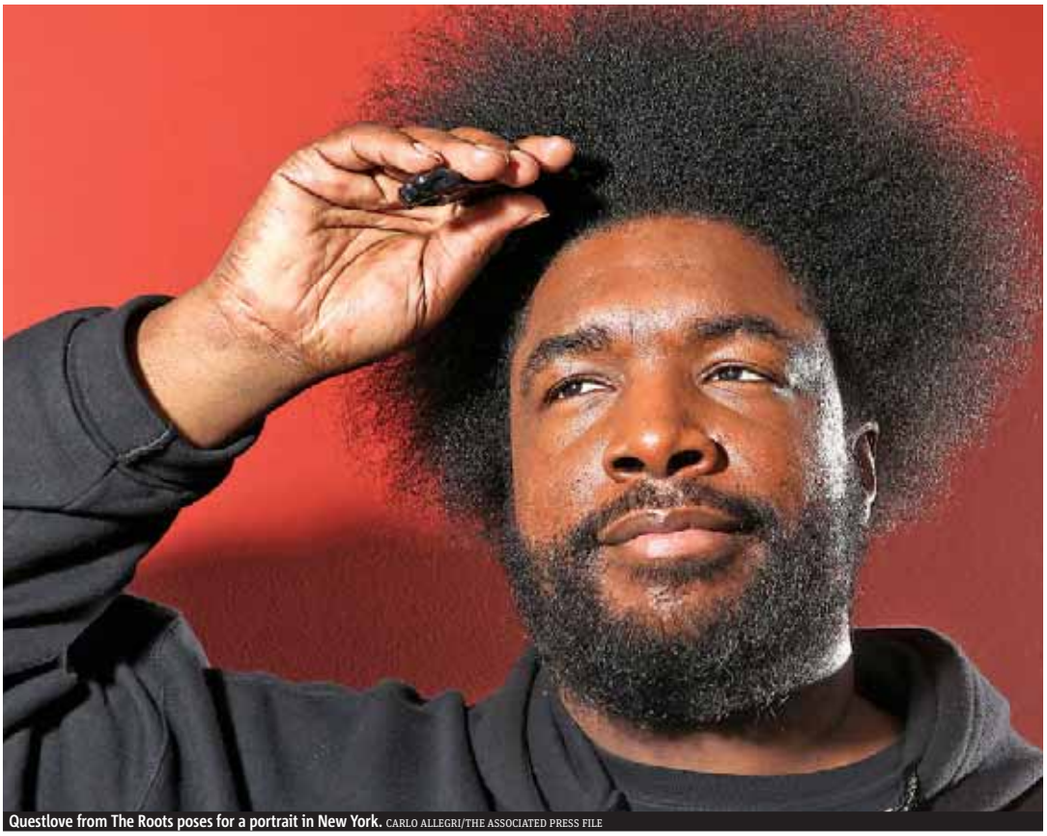

Questlove from The Roots poses for a portrait in New York. CARLO ALLEGRI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Rooted and Undun

Q & A. Roots drummer Questlove on latest albums, Philly, Jay-Z, Jimmy Fallon and Amy Winehouse

The Roots aren't known for selling records. While the hip-hop band has released 14 albums — mostly to critical acclaim — only two have managed to crack gold status.

But even though bandleader Questlove might have enjoyed the money that comes along with multiplatinum records, he wouldn't trade the group's rarified position in the music world for it.

"Mostly for black artists, we're really not afforded — unless you're a jazz artist — you're really not afforded the luxury of making an art record, or a concept record, or a passion project," said Questlove, born Ahmir Thompson. "For some strange, odd reason, and I'm not ever going to argue it, The Roots have always (had that luxury)."

And The Roots, the house band for Late Night With Jimmy Fallon since 2009, have had support from high places to maintain that luxury. When Jay-Z was president of Def Jam, he signed The Roots to the label and told them to maintain their sound and integrity, even if it meant fewer sales.

"(Jay-Z) didn't want to be known as the bad guy that killed The Roots," Questlove said.

The Roots put out two CDs last year with the Betty Wright-assisted Betty Wright: The Movie and Undun, which debuted at No. 17 on the Billboard charts. Both landed on several critics' best-of-the-year lists.

Jay-Z gave you guys some good advice.

I told Jay, "Like man, that would be nice to have all my records debut at No. 1 and stuff." But he's like, "Yeah, but you're just looking at that. I got to deal with beef with this cat and that cat. Every year some rapper's going to take a potshot and I got to take the gloves out the closet and start training." ... And (Jay-Z) sees me as an artist making my dream come true. Like, he wants to be seen as a true artist, not the richest guy in hip-hop. Meanwhile, I would like 13 zeros in my account.

Undun is about the death of fictional drug dealer Redford Stevens, but the story is told from beginning to end. How did the concept come about?

We wanted to tell his story because we've known a billion Redford Stevens in Philadelphia. Philadelphia has been sort of mired and drenched into a lot of random acts of crime, very un-brotherly like in the last decade or so, and we wanted to show the direct result.

You recorded an album with Betty Wright at the same time. What was that like?

I figured I wanted to dedicate the rest of my existence (to) creating source material so that someone else can have something to sample in 2040 once this becomes a dated record. I'm just trying to create the soulful records that will still be used. And it's funny because Betty never understood why I wanted to put a drum break at the beginning, she just wanted to sing. I'm like, "No. No. No. Drum break. Trust me on this one. You'll thank me 30 years from now when you get your publishing checks."

You were close to Amy Winehouse. What was your relationship like with her?

She's such a jazz snob. I couldn't stand it, but I was obsessed with it because once we exchanged information, she would always be on her computer sending me MP3s (like), "Listen to this." ... We spent a lot of time on Skype talking about crazy ideas and she schooled me about Sarah Vaughan. I schooled her about J Dilla. And she was like, "All right, we're going to start a super group. You, me, Mos (Def) and Raphael Saadiq." I was like, "OK." And she assigned homework: "All right, study this record." ... I really miss not having her here to school me on jazz; I thought I was a music snob, and I thought I had my doctorate in jazz, but no. There's so much more I could have learned. She's a teacher.

How has the band grown from being on the Jimmy Fallon show?

Being on the Jimmy Fallon show has introduced a word that has never been in our vocabulary. We've never, ever rehearsed as a band. We never practiced. Shockers, I know. ...So once we come to Fallon, we're now confined to a very tight space, and it's just the eight of us looking at each other, and it's very awkward. ... It's like we didn't know how to play. ... Once we got in a groove, we just practiced a lot. And now we're better musicians, we're better songwriters, we're better engineers, we're better producers.

We're just more focused on our songwriting than ever. I wish we had this type of discipline and preparation at the beginning of our career. So I feel like now we're just on our second album.

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On Amy Winehouse

"I really miss not having her here to school me on jazz... There's so much more I could have learned. She's a teacher."

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Changes in the Den

No more Mr. Nice dragon

Another dragon is leaving the Dragons' Den. BC-TV says tech mogul Robert Herjavec will not return to the business-minded series next season. Herjavec is one of the show's original five judges and was considered one of the nice assessors of wannabe titans. He's also the second judge to leave the show in as many years.

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Making the jump from TV to the silver screen

Cult shows. From Star Trek to The X-Files to Saturday Night Live: small screen hits can often be big films at the box office

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When Jonah Hill's reboot of 21 Jump Street hits theatres this weekend, it joins a long list of big screen adaptations of small screen hits.

Everything from sci-fi shows like The X-Files to comedies like The Addams Family and even reality and games shows (Jackass and The Gong Show) have made the leap from TV to theatres.

Hill describes the new 21 Jump Street as an "R-rated, insane, Bad-Boys-meets-John Hughes-type movie." I don't remember the TV show the movie is based on as being that edgy but if William Shatner's cop show T.J. Hooker can be turned into an adult-friendly flick called T.J. Hookers, I suppose anything is possible.

Probably the most spun-off TV franchise is Star Trek. Between the original show and the TV offshoots, 11 films have gone where no film series has gone before. The 2009 J.J. Abrams reboot with Chris Pine as James T. Kirk was a special effects extravaganza but the Wrath of Khan seems to tickle Trekkies the most. Based on the 1967 episode Space Seed, it's believed to be the first time a movie was made as a sequel to a specific episode.

Ricardo Montalbán took a break from Fantasy Island to take the role, but had one request: he was a gym devotee and wanted costumes that would show off his muscular chest.

The original pilot for the hip spy show The Man From U.N.C.L.E. was actually shot with a theatrical release in mind. Although the show would air in black-and-white on NBC, the pilot was shot in colour with some racier scenes added in. The tame version aired on television, while the sexier edit played in theatres as To Trap a Spy.

Finally, sketch comedy shows have also been a fertile breeding ground for movies. Saturday Night Live has spawned a dozen films, giving us characters like Wayne and Garth and the Coneheads.

Years before SNL was even on television legendary comedy troupe Monty Python used cinema as a way to court a new worldwide audience for their TV show. And Now for Something Completely Different contains re-filmed skits from the first two seasons of their show, including the classic Nudge, Nudge, and Dead Parrot sketches.

The movie is best summed up in the words of Sergeant-Major (played by Graham Chapman). "Now, I would just like to point out that this film is displaying a distinct tendency to become silly."

Payback. Doc looks at gratitute, revenge and everything in between

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As anyone who has sat through a university class can attest, lectures are hardly renowned for their entertainment value.

But that didn't stop National Film Board of Canada producer, Ravida Din, from adapting Margaret Atwood's 2008 Massey Lecture series and subsequent book on debt into the new documentary, Payback.

Even the film's director, Jennifer Baichwal, was skeptical at first. "She called me and said 'Would you be interested?' and I said 'No,'" she recalls. "How could you possibly make this into a film?"

Atwood was less skeptical. "When I was writing it, I thought it might make a good TV series," she says. "So it wasn't such a novel idea."

Much of Baichwal's consternation came from a misunderstanding of the book's subject. Baichwal, like Atwood's publisher, originally thought the famed literary icon was referring to financial debt, which couldn't be further from the truth.

"She takes an idea we all have — indebtedness — and she shows that it's about a very complex web of relationships."

Although the series launched at the same time as the financial meltdown, Atwood had wanted to write about the concept of debt and exchanges for years. "My background is in biology," she says. "So I've followed all the studies on primate altruism and exchanging. Any social being, such as elephants, killer whales, ravens, ants, they're all exchanging, all the time."

Where Atwood explored historical aspects of debt, from gratitude to revenge and everything in between, Baichwal sought out more contemporary examples. The film looks at these themes in an episodic way with audio and video from Atwood's original lectures forming the thread that holds the whole thing together.

"What she did was she found real life, present time visceral dramatic stories in which these concepts were being lived by these people," says Atwood. "I think it's very effective."

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Spears looking at big payday for taking X Factor judge spot

Maybe Britney Spears won't be taking a spot at the X Factor judges' table after all, as the singer has reportedly balked at a $10 million offer from Simon Cowell's singing competition after asking for $20 million, according to Hollywood Life.

But negotiations aren't dead, as Spears reportedly would still be interested if the show could offer an "exit clause," allowing her to bow out after one season if she wanted.

"Money is not an issue for the show. As of now, they are looking to pay her $12 to $15 million for the first season, with a drastic price hike for a second year based on ratings performance," a source says.

"Simon Cowell wants at least a two-year commitment, and Britney wants an out clause if she doesn't want to continue after one year of service."

Bieber adding to his collection of religious tattoos

Justin Bieber has added another piece to his collection of religious body art, tattooing a pair of praying hands on his calf, according to Hollyscoop.

Bieber already has some religious tattoos.

He has Jesus' name in Hebrew running down his ribcage as well as a portrait of Jesus on the back of his leg.

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TV show

Man vs. Wild gets killed off by Discovery

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Bear Grylls has no qualms about drinking his own urine on national television — and this is the thanks he gets?

In shocking news, it was announced yesterday that the Discovery Channel fired the popular hunky outdoorsman from his show Man Vs. Wild, after the network was unable to get Grylls to participate in two unannounced projects he was contracted for, sources tell The Hollywood Reporter.

The British Grylls has been with the Discovery Channel since 2006 and in that time has become an international sensation, channeling the show's popularity into endorsement deals with Dockers and Degree deodorant, as well as numerous book deals, an iPhone app, his own clothing line and a video game.

It's all very strange — of course he should honor his contract but it's hard to believe that the Discovery Channel would just so abruptly fire one of their most successful personalities.

Considering this guy has bitten off the head of a snake to eat for breakfast, you kind of have to wonder what was in that contract that he wouldn't do?

Piers Morgan not fond of Kate Moss and Madonna

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Piers Morgan doesn't mince words when it comes to some of the women he doesn't care for, including Kate Moss and Madonna.

"If people actually knew what she was like, they would never, ever be interested in her again," he tells the Mirror of Moss, whom he says literally kicks him whenever they see each other at public functions.

"She's just a vile little creature."

As for Madonna, whom Morgan had banned from his CNN talk show, he says she is fake.

"She's a complete con artist and those arms are just terrifying," he says.

"It's like watching Conan the Barbarian. She's looking even more barbaric than ever at the moment, utterly grotesque."

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Corset factory a historic site

A Quebec City building where corsets were manufactured for almost a century has been added to Canada's official roster of national historic sites. Known as La Fabrique, the four-storey red-brick building in the downtown Saint Roch district was the site of Dominion Corset from 1897 to 1988. The company was among the city's main employers and one of Canada's largest manufacturers of corsets and undergarments.
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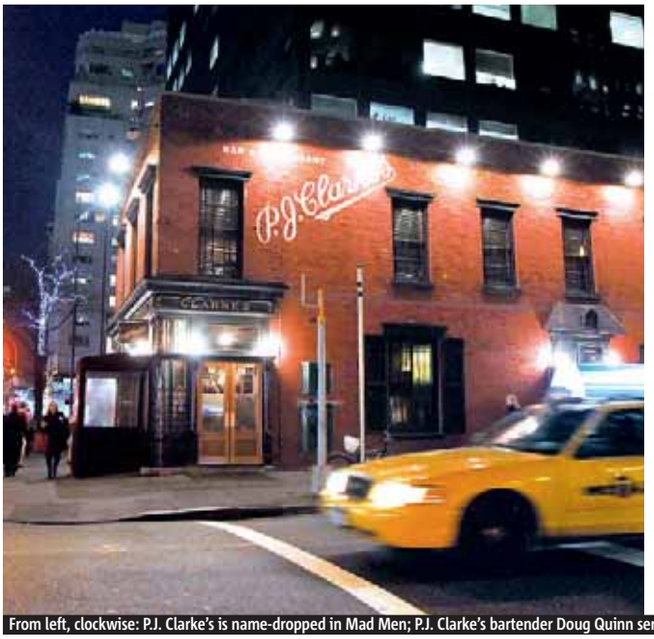

From left, clockwise: P.J. Clarke's is name-dropped in Mad Men; P.J. Clarke's bartender Doug Quinn serves up cocktails; P.J. Clarke's is a bustling night spot. TINA FINEBERG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mad for Manhattan

New York. With anticipation of the return of Mad Men, check out some of Don Draper's favourite haunts

Mad Men fans, it's time for a cocktail.

The return of the AMC show March 25 after a hiatus of a year and a half is cause for celebration, and there's no better place to raise your glass than in Manhattan at one of Don Draper's favourite haunts.

While many of the places name-dropped in Mad Men no longer exist — Lutece, the Stork Club, Toots Shor's — there are plenty that do, among them P.J. Clarke's, the Roosevelt Hotel and Sardi's. Some Manhattan bars, clubs and hotels are even offering packages, drinks or viewing parties to mark the show's return.

Of course, the series is filmed in California, so what you see on TV are well-researched sets, not real Manhattan bars.

But Mad Men fans will not be disappointed by reality: many of the establishments that turn up on the show retain a classy, retro vibe in real life, and can offer a fun, sophisticated setting for drinks or a meal.

Judy Gelman and Peter Zheutlin, authors of The Unofficial Mad Men Cookbook, provide A Handy List of Mad Men Haunts in their book along with recipes from them.

"Some of these places just never go out of style, like the Grand Central Oyster Bar," said Zheutlin. "It's such a classic and bustling place."

Mad Men aficionados know the Oyster Bar at the landmark train terminal was not mentioned by name on the show, but it's believed to be the place where Don takes Roger Sterling for a martini-and-oyster lunch.

P.J. Clarke's, at Third Avenue and 55th Street, manages to appeal to a trendy 21st-century sensibility while channelling the classic cool that got the crowd from Mad Men ad agency Sterling Cooper drinking and doing the twist. P.J. Clarke's "was the site of many Mad Men parties," Gelman said.

"I think there might be more scenes set there" than any other bar or restaurant.

According to its real-life bartender, Doug Quinn, P.J. Clarke's "was a joint often frequented by Madison Avenue advertising executives during the 1960s.

"Our bar and restaurant continues to be a destination for this crowd."

The Roosevelt Hotel, 45 E. 45th St. at Madison Avenue, where Don stayed after his wife Betty threw him out, is offering a Mad Men in the City package, starting at $425 a night through June 30, so guests can "experience New York City as Don Draper would," according to Kevin Croke, the hotel's director of sales and marketing.

The package includes accommodations, '60s-era themed cocktails at the hotel's lobby-level Madison Club Lounge or its rooftop bar, called mad46. Guests also get a DVD of the show's fourth season, a copy of The Unofficial Mad Men Cookbook," and tickets to the Paley Center for Media at 25 W. 52nd St., where the hotel has reserved a screening booth for viewing ads from the era.
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Party like Mad Men

To celebrate the return of Mad Men after a long 18 months, some Manhattan haunts are hosting parties for fans of the TV series.

- **Event.** The Pierre, a Taj Hotel, at 2 E. 61st St., which in Mad Men housed offices for the Sterling Cooper Draper Pryce firm, will host a party March 27 at its Two E Bar/Lounge in honour of the new season. Fans are invited to dress up in their favourite Mad Men outfits and try cocktails like a creme de menthe grasshopper or a "bikini martini," a gin, schnapps and blue curacao drink created in honour of the character Joan Holloway. The $14 cocktails will be offered Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m., along with a no-cover jazz duo.

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Where the stars go for sunshine

Anguilla. This tiny north Caribbean island is known for its jet-set crowd — but even for the budget conscious it can be accessible

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It's where Orlando Bloom and Miranda Kerr honeymooned. Where Derek Jeter, Chelsea Handler and Paul McCartney rang in the New Year. The destination that lures celebrities year after year is also one of the Caribbean's best-kept secrets: Anguilla: a tiny island in the north Caribbean. What makes this spot such an A-list magnet is the warmth and friendliness of the people, the secluded atmosphere and, most importantly, the beautiful beaches. For those without the celebrity budget, there are simple ways to save and still feel like a star.

Think boutique

It's not all five-star resorts on the island. In fact, there are many affordable beach accommodations, including the Anacaona Boutique Hotel found on the gorgeous Meads Bay, with rooms starting at $150 per night. Another gem is the charming Lloyd's Bed & Breakfast, the island's oldest hotel, which is just a short walk from the beach. All year-round rooms for two are $145 per night.

Go off-peak

You'll pay through the roof between Christmas and New Year's. Instead, consider visiting between May and August, when nightly prices can be as low as 50 per cent off the high season rates. Love to golf? CuisinArt Resort & Spa is home to the island's first and only 18-hole championship golf course that boasts stunning ocean views. Book a tee time after 2 p.m. and pay $130 to play, versus $230 for an earlier start time.

Take the ferry

If you don't have a private jet then don't even look into flying direct to Anguilla. Instead, fly into St. Maarten and take a 20-minute ferry like everyone else. While the public ferry is your cheapest option at $15 one-way, a privately run charter is more convenient and drops you off right at the airport.

Star-worthy splurges

A visit to Anguilla isn't complete without some indulgence. Treat yourself like a royal with these not-to-be-missed splurges.

- **Sunset cocktails at the Viceroy Anguilla.** A celebrity hotspot, nosh on maki rolls and handcrafted mojitos while listening to the DJ spin chill-out tunes.
- **Dinner for two at Cap Juluca.** Enjoy a sumptuous blend of European and Caribbean flavours at the fine-dining restaurant Pimms where the fresh fish is to die for.
- **Spa treatments at CuisinArt Resort & Spa.** Watch any remaining tension disappear with a relaxing massage.

Anguilla's stunning beaches are a big draw. ATURKUS/FLICKR

Splurge on sunset cocktails at the posh Viceroy Anguilla. THERELAXALADY/FLICKR

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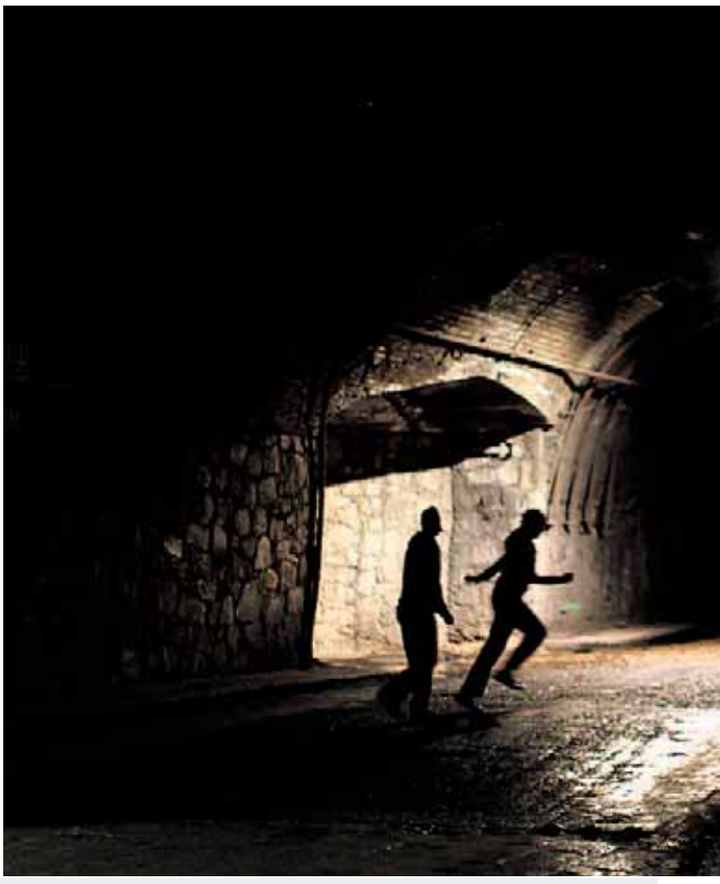

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Mexican history lesson awaits

Guanajuato. Mexico's colonial beauty is in the spotlight as the Pope plans a visit — this area offers plenty for the history buff

Guanajuato remains unique among Mexico's colonial beauties with its altitude's perfect mix of hot sun and crisp air, the brightly coloured stucco facades and its medieval looks.

Guanajuato, founded in the mid-1500s on a rich vein of silver, is the birthplace of many things Mexican, including the fight for independence from Spain and famed muralist Diego Rivera.

The city is the capital of the state of former President Vicente Fox, whose historic election in 2000 ended 71 years of single party rule. It's also one of Mexico's most conservative Catholic states, where an uprising took place in the 1920s over anti-religious laws.

A visit by Pope Benedict scheduled to begin March 23 will put Guanajuato in the spotlight. But even before you take in its rich history, the scenery of a city built in a canyon at 2,000 metres will sweep you away.

A cable car takes you — in minutes — from the city centre to the main lookout, where the Spanish colonial domes, Gothic spires, and lavender, fuchsia, orange and blue houses look as if they were painted on the hillside by Rivera himself.

Underground, catacomb-like tunnels look as if they're straight out of the Middle Ages, though they were built in the late 1800s for flood control.

Today they handle the city's traffic, because many streets are steep alleyways and in some cases stairs and they can't accommodate cars. The tunnels' stone archways look particularly mysterious lit at night, and there are sidewalks for exploring, if you can stand the exhaust fumes.

The street life above also will grab you. Locals fill the city centre on Thursday nights for no particular reason, lingering in the outdoor cafes along the Jardin Union (Union Garden), a tiled, triangular town square, or on the neo-classical steps of the 1903 porticoed Teatro Juarez.

Guanajuato has always been a popular place for Mexican tourists visiting their heritage, the equivalent of Americans doing Boston's Freedom Trail. Large groups of schoolchildren are ubiquitous around town with their guides.

Dolores Hidalgo, the town where Hidalgo made Mexico's first cry of independence in the church square, is just on the other side of the hill. The Valenciana mine, which dates from the city's founding and once produced 30 per cent of the world's silver, is another short day trip, where you can see the gilded church altar and go into the now dormant mine shafts.

The home where Diego Rivera was born on Dec. 8, 1886, now has one of his most diverse collections, from Mexican landscapes to an impressionist painting of Paris' Notre Dame Cathedral and portraits from Rivera's cubist era. Rivera's family moved to Mexico City when he was six.

For Americans and Canadians, Guanajuato lives in the shadow of the more popular San Miguel de Allende, about 53 kilometres away, where expats have transformed a colonial town into an expensive retreat of galleries and gourmet restaurants.

Guanajuato is not as upscale as San Miguel, though it has a polish it lacked 15 years ago, not to mention more menus in English. But you can still see burros tied to trees outside some of the poorer homes in the hills or being led packed with goods through the city centre.

Nice rooms at a colonial hotel in the town centre are less than $100. Good restaurants are scarce. The best cooking in Guanajuato goes on inside home kitchens and can be sampled at taco stands or in the metallic-domed Mercado Hidalgo.

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One of the underground tunnels in Guanajuato.

Mummy viewing

Coming face-to-face with death

Guanajuato's mummy museum, filled with dozens of naturally preserved corpses, boldly exhibits the Mexican comfort with death. Uphill at the city's public cemetery, families with small children line up to see the famous momias, or mummies, dozens of bodies bearing papery, weathered clothing and skin. They were naturally preserved some say because of the mineral-rich climate and the crypts, though no one knows for sure. They were dug up starting in the 1860s because their families could no longer pay burial fees, and put on display.

Many of the faces are frozen in ghastly expressions, one woman with her arms over her face, an indication curators say that she may have been accidentally buried alive.

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Guanajuato still has that old colonial feel.

A woman and child view the mummies at the Mummy Museum.

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Scott Wilson loves Newfoundland, both for what's on land and under water

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Both of my visits to Newfoundland have been unbelievable adventures, but I'm looking forward to a third visit that will focus on the underwater gems of the area. Where else can you dive on Second World War wrecks, icebergs, narwhals, and kilometres of flooded mine shafts all in one place?

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The Perrier-Jouet lounge at Dukes. HANDOUT

Serving tea for the England of 2012

London. Afternoon tea has been a British tradition since 1865, and it's making a comeback — enjoy the extravagance

EMMA E. FORREST
Metro World News in London

Last week, The Queen took Kate Middleton, Duchess of Cambridge, and Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, for high tea on their visit to London department store Fortnum and Mason, a tradition that dates back to 1865 when the Duchess of Bedford called for a selection of snacks halfway between lunch and supper.

But this eccentric and quintessentially British experience is not just enjoying a revival with Duchesses. Afternoon tea so neatly services Britain's new home-baking obsession, the vogue for exotic teas and the compulsion to find ever-more-exciting ways of celebrating baby showers and hen parties that tearooms through London are bursting at the seams. And there's plenty of hot competition for those famous hotels churning out costly teas in two-hour slots from morning until night.

At five-star deluxe Dukes, an award-winning boutique hotel gem tucked down a backstreet of the upmarket St James area, demand from their clients is such that head chef Nigel Mendham has created The Ultimate Afternoon Tea. Served up in a nook of the intimate salon of this country house in the city, or privately in the sumptuous green and pink Perrier-Jouet lounge, this mini banquet marries heirloom tomatoes to Iberico bellota, Royal Beluski Caviar to smoked salmon sandwiches, alba white truffle to Dry aged beef, gold leaf to macaroons and Tahitian vanilla to scones, and then to a flute of Perrier-Jouët Belle Epoque champagne for the princely sum of $300 per head (dukeshotel.com).

At haven The Halkin a new chocolate-themed tea has been introduced, to celebrate the hotel's 20th anniversary. Conceived by award-winning chocolatier, William Curley, the 'Couture Chocolate Tea' adds Chocolate Financier with Passion fruit Curd, Orange and Chocolate Sacher, Sea Salt Caramel and Raspberry Tart to its selection of sweets (halkin.como.bz).

Top or bottom?

- Clotted cream or jam first on your half scone? There are two schools of thought on this from the counties most famous for producing the thick cream. There's no right or wrong, just the Devon method, where the cream is spread first so it can soak into the scone, then followed by jam, and the Cornwall, where jam is spread before cream.

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Smoked salmon proves that fine dining doesn't have to be difficult

Risotto. This tasty Champagne Shiitake-Salmon dish is elegant enough to impress even the most picky of your dinner guests

Ingredients

- 30 ml (2 tbsp) butter
- 1 large onion, diced
- 140 g (5 oz) shiitake mushroom caps, thinly sliced
- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) arborio rice
- 550 ml (2 1/4 cups) dry sparkling wine
- 750 ml (3 cups) chicken stock or broth, warmed to a simmer
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) ground cinnamon
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) salt
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) ground black pepper
- 250 ml (1 cup) freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- 125 g (4 oz) smoked salmon, cut into thin strips

At your next dinner party, take the fine dining route by easily whipping up a dinner that leaves your guests feeling like you've gone all out to prepare the perfect meal.

The trick? Making sure a bit of bubbly is involved at every step of the process — beginning to end.

This simple but richly decadent risotto studded with thinly sliced shiitake mushrooms and strips of smoked salmon will do it. A generous amount of sparkling wine added throughout the cooking process ensures the experience is sophisticated.

Don't like bubbles? You can always substitute a dry Riesling. Don't care for smoked salmon? Substitute small shrimp (and cook for an extra 3 to 5 minutes, or until just pink and firm).

Be sure to enjoy the remaining sparkling wine when you serve up this risotto.

1 In a skillet over medium-high heat, melt butter. Add onion and shiitakes; sauté for 4 minutes. Add rice and cook, stirring constantly, for 1 minute. Add 250 ml (1 cup) of the wine and cook, stirring constantly, until completely absorbed.

2 Add half of the chicken stock or broth, stir several times, then let simmer until liquid is nearly completely absorbed. Continue adding stock, 125 ml (1/2 cup) at a time and stirring constantly until absorbed between each addition.

3 When all of the stock has been added and absorbed, add another 250 ml (1 cup) of the sparkling wine. Stir until absorbed. The rice should be tender, but still just barely firm at the centre. Stir in cinnamon, salt and pepper. Add cheese and mix until melted and creamy. Adjust seasonings.

4 Remove the pan from heat. Stir in salmon and remaining sparkling wine to serve. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ ADAPTED BY EMILY RICHARDS (PROFESSIONAL HOME ECONOMIST, COOKBOOK AUTHOR, AND TV CELEBRITY CHEF. FOR MORE VISIT, EMILYRICHARDSCOOKS.CA)**

Champagne Shiitake-Salmon Risotto

This recipe serves four. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Drink of the Week

Passion-Politan

Bring the passion back to your relationship with the Passion-Politan. This romantic cocktail is just as visually pleasing as it is delicious.

1 Combine ingredients except champagne or sparkling wine in a cocktail shaker with ice. Shake and add sparkling wine, stir and strain into a martini glass. Float the rose petals on top of the cocktail.

- 1 oz SKYY Vodka
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- 0.75 oz rose syrup (such as Monin)
- 0.5 oz lime juice
- Rosé champagne or rosé sparkling wine
- 1 rose petal

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Star treatment with Smoked Salmon Stars

This recipe makes 12 stars. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

This fun appetizer is dazzling with its use of creamy cheese and a zip of lemon. It's a perfect match for great tasting smoked salmon.

Have one of your guests bring a bottle of Domaine Carneros rose sparkling wine to serve with these fancy appetizers. They work so well together.

To make the zest, use a sharp citrus stripper to peel long strips from a lemon. Make sure you get only the yellow peel, as the white pith underneath is bitter. If you do this in advance, cover the zest with a damp paper towel and plastic wrap so the lemon curls do not dry out before you use them.

1 Toast bread, then let it cool to room temperature by placing on a rack or leaving in the toaster. If you put the hot toast on a plate, it will steam underneath and become soggy.

2 Using a channel knife or vegetable peeler remove rind from lemon. Thinly slice if using vegetable peeler and set aside.

3 Spread 10 to 15 ml (2 to 3 tsp) of cheese over each piece of toast. Top with salmon, trimming to fit, if necessary. Use a star cookie cutter to cut each slice into as many stars as possible. Garnish with lemon strips. Place caviar, if using, in centre of star.

4 Arrange on a platter and serve.

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Ingredients

- 6 slices of pumpernickel bread or thick sliced bread
- 1 pkg (146 g/5.2 oz) garlic and herb cheese (such as Boursin) at room temperature
- 125 g (4 oz) thinly sliced smoked salmon
- 1 lemon
- Black caviar (optional)

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Take down these tips from career expert Dave Keir of IT staffing agency Robert Half Technology on how to get a solid foot in the door of all things desktop.

Stay positive:

Plain and simple, it is always tough to go through the application and hiring process, so new job seekers should remain positive and optimistic, especially during job interviews. Employers are attracted to positive thinkers.

Be assertive in your job search:

Never stop networking!

You already know that technology changes rapidly. Show employers you can keep up with the rapid pace. ISTOCK

Utilize online resources like Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn, and find ways to network in person as well. People forget to do this all the time and rely solely on the Internet, but personally reaching out to employers has a timeless effect.

Stay up to date on the latest technology:

Consider continuing education courses, online learning, etc. There are also so many free, online tools to keep your skills current. Doing this shows an employer that you are not only resourceful, but that you are eager and ready to work.

Polish your soft skills:

Employers want someone with great communication skills who is able to work well with anyone.

Always check your ego at the door, and be willing and able to collaborate with others on the team. Job seekers often get so caught up on solely advertising their technological knowledge that they forget to enhance what they themselves can bring to the position as well!

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5) Wireless network management

Student Voice

I found the key to landing jobs in IT: Volunteer work

Davis Wang
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Davis Wang PROVIDED

In my experience, the only way to secure a job is by having related work experience and by nailing the interview.

Most jobs in the IT field nowadays require previous work experience, but you've got to start somewhere right? I found the answer in volunteering. I did not have hundreds of volunteer hours in school, but I made sure that the volunteering opportunities that I did pursue were relevant and useful to my future career. I held positions such as computer literacy tutor, website designer and IT assistant.

These volunteer opportunities taught me not only technical skills, but more importantly, leadership skills and a knack for speaking in groups and to superiors. These soft skills proved highly useful during interviews.

Because I had a good combination of skills going into interviews, I wasn't as nervous as I'd be if I were unprepared. I also truly believed that I was qualified for the position, so I treated the interview as an opportunity to explain to the employer what I could bring to their company.

Too often, students think they're being scrutinized and judged during an interview, and they let their nerves get the best of them.

I also think that employers are looking at performance potential just as much as they're looking at your current credentials. That's why it's important to demonstrate your eagerness to learn during the interview.

Where I am now. I am currently working as a software engineer at Tagged.com, a San Francisco-based social-networking destination with over 100 million registered users and 6 billion page-views per month.

My recommendation for students. Build your resumé by pursuing volunteer opportunities or internships that are relevant to your future career choice.

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Do you have all the tools to handle a career in technology? ISTOCK

A recent employer survey shows that one out of four companies are concerned about the technical aptitude of job candidates, but there is even greater concern about their lack of business skills.

According to Closing The IT Skills Gap, a study that examines specific IT skills in enterprise programming languages and mainframe administration, along with business skills such as problem-solving and communications abilities, about 40 per cent of employers reported that their IT hires are not sufficiently prepared to perform jobs within their companies and there are notable gaps in skills.

The study, released by SHARE, was produced by Unisphere Research and sponsored by IBM.

Only 8 per cent of the nearly 400 employers surveyed would rate their IT hires as "well-trained, ready to go."

"About one-third of companies are seeking professionals and managers that can bridge the divides between IT departments and business leaders," reports the study's executive summary.

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A nursing degree doesn't have to lead to a job in a hospital.

"Let your career go hand-in-hand with your hobbies and interests," says author and geriatric care manager Marion Somers.

"If you love to travel, you could consider becoming a nurse for a cruise ship. There are so many non-traditional paths you can take with that nursing degree. A nurse will always find a job, but you may have to walk in and ask for the position to be created."

Caring for callers

What about a job in drug safety operations?

- **Fielding calls and concerns about drug reactions.** "When a patient calls in a bad reaction to a drug, the nurses offer a very good perspective because they can relate to the patients and understand what they're going through better than a non-nurse," says Steven Raz.

For the less whimsical, here are three positions that already exist for nurses with unique skills and education.

Clinical project manager

"When a [drug] trial is going on, there's a lot of moving parts," says Steven Raz, co-founder and managing partner of Cornerstone Search Group in New Jersey. "There needs to be the documentation, protocol must be followed and you need to stay within budget. All that information gets rolled into a project. Nurses have likely been through clinical trials. They already have the knowledge of what's happening at testing sites."

Transplant coordinator

"[A] transplant coordinator is an advanced practice healthcare professional. It requires critical thinking, communication and organizational skills," says Pat McDonough, RN, live donor transplant coordinator at New York's Montefiore Medical Center. "After working in the ICU for 18 years, becoming a transplant coordinator opened a whole new world to me."

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Panther 5, Leafs 2

No relief for slumping Leafs in Florida

Sean Bergenheim scored two goals and the Florida Panthers beat the Toronto Maple Leafs 5-2 on Tuesday night.

Marcel Goc and Tomas Kopecky had power-play goals in the third period, Jason Garrison also scored and Jose Theodore stopped 26 shots for the Panthers. Wojtek Wolski had two assists and Bergeneim now has a career-high 16 goals this season.

Mikhail Grabovski and Tyler Bozak scored for the Leafs and James Reimer made 22 saves.

The Panthers remained atop the Southeast Division, one point ahead of Washington — which beat the New York Islanders in a shootout.

With Florida leading 2-1, Kopecky tipped Garrison's shot from the high slot past Reimer at 6:07 for the Panthers' second goal in 20 power-play chances, spanning seven games.

Florida did it again four minutes later when Goc sent the puck over Reimer's shoulder from in front at 10:28 to increase the lead to three goals.

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Florida's Krystofer Barch fights Jay Rosehill on Thursday. J PAT CARTER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jerryd Bayless drives to the basket against Cavaliers guard Kyrie Irving on Tuesday in Cleveland. AMY SANCETTA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Raptors still have Cavaliers' number

NBA. Bayless helps team to third win this season over Cleveland

Jerryd Bayless scored 20 points, Andrea Bargnani added 17 and Toronto slowed Cleveland's playoff push with a 96-88 victory Tuesday night, the Raptors' third over the Cavaliers this season.

Bayless started in place of injured point guard Jose Calderon and added seven assists in 37 minutes while leading the Raptors to just their 14th win.

The Cavaliers had their winning streak stopped at three. Cleveland blew a chance to move into a virtual tie with idle New York and Milwaukee for the final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

Antawn Jamison, who has been mentioned in trade rumours all season, led the Cavs with 20 points. Rookie Kyrie Irving scored 14 and Alonzo Gee 16.

The Cavs were still within six points in the final minute when Bargnani rebounded his own miss and dunked to close the scoring.

Toronto has had a disappointing season — except against Cleveland.

Bayless' 3-pointer and two free throws gave the Raptors an 88-73 lead with 6:02 remaining. The Cavs got within six on Gee's 3-pointer, but on Toronto's next possession, Bayless was unable to get Irving to leave his feet with several ball fakes before burying a stone-cold jumper to make it a 90-82 lead.

The Cavs were still within 94-88 when Bargnani missed his shot, grabbed his rebound with one hand in the lane and slammed it home to end Cleveland's night.

For good measure, Toronto's Amir Johnson rejected Irving's 3-point try at the horn.

Irving was unable to conjure up some of the fourth-quarter magic he has shown in recent games, and finished just 5 of 17 from the floor. In three games against Toronto, the likely NBA Rookie of the Year went 10 of 42. Irving did add seven rebounds and seven assists.

Cleveland's recent surge, coupled with a slide by the Knicks, has pushed the Cavaliers into the playoff race, a place they never dreamed of being just a few weeks ago.

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In brief

Dolphins trade Marshall to Bears

The Chicago Bears have acquired Pro Bowl receiver Brandon Marshall in a trade with the Miami Dolphins. There was speculation the Bears would go after a high-profile free-agent receiver such as Vincent Jackson, but they filled their biggest hole with a blockbuster deal instead, sending two undisclosed draft picks to Miami. Marshall made the Pro Bowl for the third time last year, when he had 81 catches for 1,214 yards and six scores. But he also dropped at least four potential touchdown catches and failed to end his career-long playoff drought.

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If he remains healthy, Pittsburgh's Sidney Crosby could help the Penguins surge into the Eastern Conference's top playoff seed. ALAN DIAZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Final piece of a juggernaut?

NHL. Already winners of nine straight, Penguins prepare to reinsert 'the best hockey player in the world' into lineup

Sidney Crosby is returning to new linemates and a new role with the NHL's hottest team.

But Pittsburgh Penguins coach Dan Bylsma still expects to see the Crosby of old despite his current 40-game layoff and the 102 games the star forward has missed over two seasons because of concussion-related issues.

Crosby, out since Dec. 5, announced Tuesday he will play Thursday night against the Rangers in New York. The Penguins, riding a nine-game winning streak, are four points behind New York in the race for the top-seed in the Eastern Conference.

What already was a marquee game for the NHL just got even bigger. Much bigger.

"I think it's unrealistic that he's going to step into Madison Square Garden and be the only show on the ice," Bylsma said. "But I know how the guy plays. I know how fast he is going to go. I know what's going to happen when he has the puck with speed. You know how he's going to be able to play down low with the puck, and you expect to see that player step on the ice. That's a really good hockey player. That's the best hockey player in the world."

Penguins centre Evgeni Malkin arguably has been that player with Crosby out, piling up a league-high 84 points. Now, Crosby is coming back at a key point in the season, with 14 games remaining for Pittsburgh and the playoff race still undecided.

"I know Geno is excited to be on the same ice with Sid again," Bylsma said of Malkin. "I still think it's a great challenge for our team. We're not a shoo-in to be a really good team when they all come back."

Crosby would have as many as 14 regular-season games remaining before the playoffs if he gets through the rest of the schedule without any further problems.

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Line dancing

For now, Penguins coach Dan Bylsma plans to keep intact his productive top two lines of Chris Kunitz-Evgeni Malkin-James Neal and Steve Sullivan-Jordan Staal-Pascal Dupuis.

- Still, Bylsma plans to put Sidney Crosby and Malkin together at times and also slot Crosby and Staal together, a unit previously unseen.
- Bylsma plans to limit Crosby to 14-15 minutes a game, although he knows that could prove difficult.
- "You don't pace Sidney Crosby," he said.

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NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-NY Rangers	69	44	18	2	5	192	150	95	24-7-0-2	20-11-2-3	6-3-1-0	W2
d-Boston	69	40	26	1	2	223	170	83	20-13-1-1	20-13-0-1	4-6-0-0	L3
d-Florida	69	33	23	5	8	171	193	78	18-9-1-7	15-14-4-1	6-3-0-1	W2
Pittsburgh	68	42	21	2	3	219	173	89	24-8-2-0	18-13-0-3	9-1-0-0	W9
Philadelphia	69	40	22	2	5	223	197	87	18-10-1-4	22-12-1-1	7-3-0-0	W1
New Jersey	70	40	25	2	3	195	182	85	19-12-0-3	21-13-2-0	5-4-1-0	L1
Ottawa	70	36	25	6	3	216	206	81	18-13-2-2	18-12-4-1	6-3-0-1	L1
Washington	70	36	28	3	3	189	197	78	23-10-1-2	13-18-2-1	7-2-1-0	W4
Buffalo	70	33	29	4	4	174	196	74	18-11-3-4	15-18-1-0	7-2-1-0	W2
Winnipeg	69	32	29	4	4	181	195	72	21-10-1-3	11-19-3-1	5-3-1-1	L2
Tampa Bay	69	32	30	4	3	197	234	71	21-11-1-1	11-19-3-2	5-4-1-0	W1
Toronto	70	30	32	4	4	202	217	68	16-13-3-3	14-19-1-1	1-8-0-1	L5
NY Islanders	70	28	31	7	4	163	206	67	15-15-5-1	13-16-3-2	3-4-2-1	L4
Carolina	70	26	29	9	6	183	211	67	17-13-1-5	9-16-8-1	3-3-2-2	L2
Montreal	70	27	32	3	8	185	196	65	12-15-2-6	15-17-1-2	3-6-1-0	L1

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-St. Louis	70	45	18	1	6	183	135	97	28-4-1-3	17-14-0-3	9-1-0-0	W5
d-Vancouver	69	42	19	1	7	215	172	92	20-9-0-4	22-10-1-2	4-4-1-1	L1
d-Dallas	70	39	26	1	4	186	183	83	20-12-0-3	19-14-1-1	9-0-0-1	W6
Detroit	69	44	22	1	2	217	162	91	28-4-1-1	16-18-0-1	4-5-0-1	L1
Nashville	69	41	21	3	4	200	179	89	23-8-2-3	18-13-1-1	7-2-0-1	W3
Chicago	70	37	25	4	4	209	206	82	23-7-1-4	14-18-3-0	5-4-0-1	L1
Phoenix	70	34	25	3	8	182	178	79	18-12-2-4	16-13-1-4	4-4-0-2	L1
Colorado	71	37	30	3	1	186	189	78	21-15-0-1	16-15-3-0	7-3-0-0	W2
San Jose	68	34	25	4	5	187	175	77	19-11-2-1	15-14-2-4	3-5-0-2	W1
Calgary	69	32	25	5	7	173	191	76	18-9-1-4	14-15-4-3	4-2-1-3	W3
Los Angeles	69	32	25	5	7	154	152	76	17-13-0-4	15-12-5-3	5-4-0-1	W1
Anaheim	70	29	30	5	6	173	196	69	18-14-2-0	11-16-3-6	4-5-1-0	L3
Minnesota	70	29	31	2	8	150	194	68	15-14-1-3	14-17-1-5	3-6-0-1	L2
Edmonton	69	26	36	3	4	182	209	59	16-15-2-2	10-21-1-2	3-6-1-0	L3
Columbus	69	22	40	2	5	161	223	51	13-20-1-2	9-20-1-3	5-5-0-0	L2

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results
Florida 5 Toronto 2
Tampa Bay 6 Boston 1
Dallas 1 Minnesota 0
N.Y. Rangers 4 Carolina 2
Washington 5 N.Y. Islanders 4 (SO)
Philadelphia 3 New Jersey 0
St. Louis at Chicago
San Jose at Calgary
Detroit at Los Angeles

Monday's results
San Jose 3 Edmonton 2
Colorado 3 Anaheim 2 (OT)
Nashville 5 Phoenix 4 (SO)
Buffalo 3 Montreal 2 (OT)

Tonight's games
All times Eastern
Colorado at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Ottawa at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Winnipeg, 8:30 p.m.
Columbus at Edmonton, 10 p.m.
Phoenix at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Detroit at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

Tomorrow's games
Colorado at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Nashville at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

Friday's games
Montreal at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Winnipeg, 8:30 p.m.
Chicago at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Calgary at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

PANTHERS 5, MAPLE LEAFS 2

First Period
1. Florida, Bergenheim 15 (Samuelsson, Ellerby) 0:59

Penalties — Rosehill Tor, Barch Fla (fighting) 5:16, MacArthur Tor (holding) 5:29, Garrison Fla (holding) 19:57.

Second Period
2. Florida, Garrison 15 (Goc, Wolski) 14:43
3. Toronto, Bozak 15 (MacArthur, Kessel) 19:02

Penalties — Ashton Tor (slashing) 12:42.

Third Period
4. Florida, Kopecky 7 (Garrison, Jovanovski) 6:07 (pp)
5. Florida, Goc 9 (Wolski) 10:28 (pp)
6. Toronto, Grabovski 22 (Schenn, MacArthur) 13:50
7. Florida, Bergenheim 16 (Kopecky) 18:40 (en)

Penalties — Ashton Tor (high-sticking) 5:17, Bozak Tor (holding stick) 10:12, Ashton Tor (fighting), Matthias Fla (instigating, fighting) 11:40.

Shots on goal

Toronto	5	11	12	—28
Florida	9	5	13	—27

Goal — Toronto: Reimer (L,11-12-4); Florida: Theodore (W,20-13-7).

Power-plays (goals-chances) — Toronto: 0-2; Florida: 2-4.

Referees — Kelly Sutherland, Dan O'Rourke.

Linesmen — Shane Heyer, Jonny Murray.

Attendance — 17,475 (17,040) at Sunrise, Fla.

LIGHTNING 6, BRUINS 1

First Period
1. Tampa Bay, Pyatt 8 (Malone, Connolly) 1:56
2. Tampa Bay, Thompson 9 (Hall, Wyman) 2:26
3. Tampa Bay, Shannon 4 (Hedman, Tokarski) 4:31 (pp)
4. Tampa Bay, Hedman 4, 15:38

Penalties — Thornton Bos (roughing) 2:54, Paille Bos (slashing) 13:06, Thornton Bos, Commodore TB (fighting) 16:08.

Second Period
5. Tampa Bay, Stamkos 49 (Purcell, Lee) 3:06

Penalty — Commodore TB (tripping) 19:25.

Third Period
6. Boston, Caron 7 (Boychuk, Chara) 1:55
7. Tampa Bay, Stamkos 50 (St. Louis, Lee) 11:43

Penalties — Tokarski TB (delay of game; served by Connolly) 3:13, Hedman TB (holding) 7:13, Seguin Bos (high-sticking) 14:14.

Shots on goal

Boston	2	15	17	—34
Tampa Bay	10	3	4	—17

Goal (shots-saves) — Boston: Turco (L,0-1-0)(12-8), Thomas (4:31 first)(5-3),; Tampa Bay: Tokarski (W,1-1-1). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Boston: 0-3; Tampa Bay: 1-3.

Attendance — 19,204 (19,204) at Tampa, Fla.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Malkin, Pgh	38	46	84
Stamkos, TB	48	34	82
Giroux, Pha	25	55	80
Spezza, Ott	29	44	73
Kessel, Tor	34	37	71
Kovalchuk, NJ	30	41	71
Karlsson, Ott	18	51	69

Last night's games not included

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pt	GF	GA
Houston	1	0	0	3	1	0
Kansas City	1	0	0	3	1	0
Chicago	0	0	0	0	0	0
Toronto	0	0	0	0	0	0
New York	0	1	0	0	1	2
D.C. United	0	1	0	0	0	1
New England	0	1	0	0	0	1
Philadelphia	0	1	0	0	1	3
Columbus	0	1	0	0	0	2
Montreal	0	1	0	0	0	2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pt	GF	GA
Portland	1	0	0	3	3	1
Real Salt Lake	1	0	0	3	3	1
Colorado	1	0	0	3	2	0
Vancouver	1	0	0	3	2	0
Dallas	1	0	0	3	2	1
San Jose	1	0	0	3	1	0
Seattle	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chivas USA	0	1	0	0	0	1
Los Angeles	0	1	0	0	1	3

Note: Three points for victory, 1 point for tie.

Monday's result
Portland 3 Philadelphia 1

Saturday's games
All times Eastern
Chicago at Montreal, 2 p.m.
Houston at San Jose, 5 p.m.
New England at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.
Portland at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
New York at Real Salt Lake, 10 p.m.
Toronto at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Vancouver at Chivas USA, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's games
Colorado at Philadelphia, 4 p.m.
D.C. United at Los Angeles, 7 p.m.

MLB

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Detroit	6	1	.857
Toronto	9	2	.818
Boston	6	2	.750
Oakland	9	3	.750
Seattle	9	3	.750
Los Angeles	6	4	.600
Kansas City	6	5	.545
Baltimore	4	4	.500
Minnesota	6	6	.500
New York	5	6	.455
Texas	3	6	.333
Cleveland	3	7	.300
Tampa Bay	3	7	.300
Chicago	2	8	.200

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Los Angeles	6	2	.750
San Francisco	8	4	.667
Miami	5	3	.625
Washington	5	3	.625
Chicago	6	4	.600
Houston	6	4	.600
St. Louis	4	4	.500
Cincinnati	5	6	.455
Philadelphia	5	6	.455
Colorado	4	6	.400
Milwaukee	4	6	.400
San Diego	4	7	.364
New York	3	6	.333
Arizona	3	7	.300
Pittsburgh	3	7	.300
Atlanta	1	10	.091

Note: Split-squad games count in standings; games against non-major league teams do not.

Monday's results
Toronto 4 Baltimore 1
Houston 4 N.Y. Yankees 3
San Francisco 2 Kansas City 1
Philadelphia 4 Pittsburgh 1
Minnesota 2 Tampa Bay 1 (10 inn.)
St. Louis (ss) 5 Atlanta 4
Oakland 9 Chicago White Sox 4
Colorado 11 San Diego 2
Chicago Cubs 8 Cincinnati 6
Washington 8 St. Louis (ss) 4
Seattle 6 Texas 4
Detroit 7 N.Y. Mets 7 (10 inn.)
Cleveland 3 Arizona 2
Boston 5 Miami 3 (10 inn.)
L.A. Dodgers 9 L.A. Angels 1

Yesterday's results
Toronto 8 Minnesota 2
Colorado 5 L.A. Dodgers 2
St. Louis 7 N.Y. Mets 1
San Diego 6 Chicago White Sox 3
Miami 2 Atlanta 2 (10 inn.)
Baltimore 7 Tampa Bay 7 (10 inn.)
Houston 6 Philadelphia 5 (10 inn.)
Cleveland 8 Texas 8 (10 inn.)
Oakland 8 Milwaukee (ss) 6
Kansas City 7 Cincinnati 5
Chicago Cubs 5 San Francisco 4
Seattle 7 Milwaukee (ss) 4
L.A. Angels 3 Arizona 0
Detroit vs. Washington at Viera, Fla.
Boston vs. N.Y. Yankees at Tampa, Fla.

Today's games
All times Eastern
Minnesota vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh vs. Baltimore at Sarasota, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
NYY vs. Toronto at Dunedin, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Houston vs. St. Louis at Jupiter, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets vs. Det. at Lakeland, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Miami vs. Tampa Bay at Port Charlotte, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
San Diego vs. Cin. at Goodyear, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
Clev. vs. San Fran. at Scottsdale, Ariz., 4:05 pm
Colo. (ss) vs. Texas at Surprise, Ariz., 4:05 pm
Milw. vs. Chi. Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels vs. Chicago White Sox at Glendale, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
S.D. vs. Ariz. (ss) at Scottsdale, Ariz., 4:10 pm
Wash. vs. Atl. at Kissimmee, Fla., 6:05 p.m.
K.C. vs. Seattle at Peoria, Ariz., 10:05 p.m.
LAD vs. Cincinnati at Goodyear, Ariz., 10:05 pm
Arizona (ss) vs. Colorado (ss) at Scottsdale, Ariz., 10:10 p.m.

Tommorow's games
Baltimore vs. Det. at Lakeland, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets vs. Miami at Jupiter, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Pitt. vs. Minn. at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Atl. vs. Phila. (ss) at Clearwater, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees vs. Wash. at Viera, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (ss) vs. Tampa Bay at Port Charlotte, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Toronto vs. Hou. at Kissimmee, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
St. Louis vs. Bos. at Fort Myers, Fla., 2:35 p.m.
K.C. vs. LAD at Glendale, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
Ariz. vs. Chi. Cubs (ss) at Mesa, Ariz., 4:05 pm
CWS Sox vs. Cleve. at Goodyear, Ariz., 4:05 pm
Cincinnati vs. LAA at Tempe, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
San Diego vs. Milwaukee at Phoenix, 4:05 p.m.
Oakland vs. Texas at Surprise, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
CC (ss) vs. Colo. at Scottsdale, Ariz., 4:10 p.m.
San Fran. vs. Sea. at Peoria, Ariz., 10:05 p.m.

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At Indian Wells, Calif.
Men's Singles — Third Round
Juan Martin del Potro (9), Argentina, def. Fernando Verdasco (19), Spain, 6-2, 7-6 (6).
Denis Istomin, Uzbekistan, def. David Ferrer (5), Spain, 6-4, 6-3.
Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (6), France, def. Radek Stepanek (28), Czech Rep., 6-7 (2), 6-3, 6-2.

Women's Singles — Third Round
Agnieszka Radwanska (5), Poland, def. Jamie Hampton, United States, 6-3, 4-6, 3-0, retired.
Victoria Azarenka (1), Belarus, def. Julia Goerges (14), Germany, 6-3, 6-1.
Maria Sharapova (2), Russia, def. Roberta Vinci (21), Italy, 6-2, 6-1.
Angelique Kerber (18), Germany, def. Christina McHale (32), U.S., 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 (4).

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EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
Philadelphia	9	5	4	.556	100	110	—
Rochester	10	5	5	.500	126	121	½
Toronto	9	4	5	.444	104	108	1
Buffalo	8	2	6	.250	93	105	2½

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
Colorado	10	8	2	.800	130	129	—
Calgary	10	7	3	.700	135	109	1
Minnesota	8	5	3	.625	103	92	2
Washington	10	3	7	.300	101	121	5
Edmonton	8	2	6	.250	83	90	5

WEEK 11
Friday's game
All times Eastern
Buffalo at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday's games
Edmonton at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Chicago	35	9	.795	—
d-Miami	31	10	.756	2½
Orlando	28	15	.651	6½
d-Philadelphia	25	17	.595	9
Indiana	24	16	.600	9
Atlanta	24	17	.585	9½
Boston	22	19	.537	11½
Milwaukee	18	24	.429	16
New York	18	24	.429	16
Cleveland	16	24	.400	17
Detroit	15	27	.357	19
Toronto	14	28	.333	20
New Jersey	14	29	.326	20½
Washington	9	31	.225	24
Charlotte	6	34	.150	27

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Oklahoma City	32	10	.762	—
d-San Antonio	27	13	.675	4
d-L.A. Lakers	25	16	.610	6½
Memphis	24	16	.600	7
L.A. Clippers	23	17	.575	8
Denver	23	19	.548	9
Dallas	23	20	.535	9½
Houston	23	20	.535	9½
Minnesota	22	21	.512	10½
Utah	20	21	.488	11½
Portland	20	22	.476	12
Phoenix	19	22	.463	12½
Golden State	17	21	.447	13
Sacramento	14	27	.341	17½
New Orleans	10	32	.238	22

d — division leaders ranked in top four positions regardless of record.

Last night's results
Indiana 92 Portland 75
Orlando 104 Miami 98 (OT)
Toronto 96 Cleveland 88
Houston 104 Oklahoma City 103
L.A. Lakers at Memphis
Washington at Dallas
Atlanta at Denver
Golden State at Sacramento

Monday's results
Milwaukee 105 New Jersey 99
Chicago 104 New York 99
Charlotte 73 New Orleans 71
San Antonio 112 Washington 97
Utah 105 Detroit 90
Minnesota 127 Phoenix 124
Boston 94 L.A. Clippers 85

Tonight's games
All times Eastern
Philadelphia at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Toronto at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Houston, 8 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Orlando at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Miami at Chicago, 9:30 p.m.
Detroit at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Boston at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
Atlanta at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Utah at Phoenix, 10:30 p.m.

Tomorrow's games
Washington at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Charlotte at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Denver, 9 p.m.
Minnesota at Utah, 9 p.m.
Phoenix at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

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Tossing a Dart into the fray

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2013 Dodge Dart

- **Type.** Four-door, front-wheel-drive compact sedan.
- **Engines (hp):** 2.0-litre DOHC I4 (160); 1.4-litre SOHC I4, turbocharged (160); 2.4-litre DOHC I4 (184).
- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy): 6.4/4.9 (2.0, est.).
- **Base Price:** $17,500 (est.).

Decked out

The side profile doesn't have the sculpture of a car like the Hyundai Elantra, which might endear the Dart to no-frills buyers.

However, the Dart can be decked out with leather, dual-zone climate control and navigation.

The R/T gets its own five-spoke wheels.

Interior

The cabin design is a standout, with futuristic-looking gauges, equally non-traditional control-panel displays and unique storage area beneath the front passenger seat-cushion.

Of note is the customizable screen that sits between the tachometer and fuel gauge.

Engines

The base engine is a 160-horsepower 2.0-litre four-cylinder that's standard in the SE, SXT, Rallye and Limited. All four trims can be upgraded to the 1.4-litre turbocharged four-cylinder that's rated at the same 160 horses. Exclusive to the sporty R/T is a non-turbo 184-horsepower 2.4-litre four-cylinder.

Review. Chrysler re-enters the compact sedan battlefield

MALCOLM GUNN
Wheelbase Media

You can thank Giulietta for the soon-to-arrive 2013 Dodge Dart.

No, Giulietta isn't an automotive design studio, corporate executive or even a flavour of ice cream. It's an Alfa Romeo automobile that's the basis for a brand-new four-door compact sedan that wears the reconstituted Dodge Dart badge.

The fact that both Chrysler/Dodge and Alfa Romeo are controlled by the vast Italy-based Fiat automotive group has everything to do with the new Dart's creation. Although the Dart and Giulietta share the same basic platform, the Dodge version is enlarged, gets its own sheetmetal (Giulietta is hatchback, after all) and interior.

The engine selection is straight from Fiat. The Dart is also being built at a Chrysler assembly plant in Illinois with mid-2012 slated for the official coming-out party.

Despite its Italian origins, the Dart looks like a full-fledged member of the Dodge family as the signature crosshair grille is framed by a mouth-agape grille.

The Dart's bold statement will be important since Chrysler hasn't had a compact sedan in play since the Neon back in 2005. Meanwhile, virtually every mainstream automaker has continued to offer trunk-lidded compacts, earning plenty of currency — both in dollars and brand awareness — in the process.

That might explain why the Dart moniker has been returned from the 1960s and '70s, when it was applied to a series of two- and four-door compact models.

The Dart name will probably resonate with older customers — who will either love or hate the idea of bringing it back — although many younger car buyers will likely miss the connection completely.

The black grille surround is exclusive to the R/T model. This is the elegant Limited trim with the optional 1.4-litre turbocharged engine out of the Fiat 500 Abarth.

The otherwise clean interior might be a bit overdone with the glowing dash piping. The gauge layout is innovative, though.

By comparison

1 Chevrolet Cruze
Base price: $17,000

2 Hyundai Elantra
Base price: $17,500

3 Toyota Corolla
Base price: $17,000

5 DRIVE

Top Gear

A sobering thought

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A whole lot of green?

Auto Know. How a 500-horsepower, 5,100-pound all-wheel-drive luxury coupe can be considered "green" depends entirely on your perspective

GARRY SOWERBY
Wheelbase Media

A socially responsible luxury car nudging $170,000 might seem like a contradiction. Maybe even an impossibility. You might even laugh at the notion.

But apparently rich people also want to feel a bit better about the dent they're putting in Mother Nature's front bumper. At least that's Bentley's spin on the new two-door Continental GT V8 that drops four pistons from the program and picks up 40 per cent fuel economy while giving up very little, if anything, when it comes to performance and luxury.

That might be what a Bentley customers considers a "green" solution, but the bottom line is that it's still a 500-horsepower twin-turbocharged 2,300-kilogram coupe with all-wheel-drive, and to literally drive home the real purpose, the Bentley PR team scheduled an afternoon of hot laps around the nearby Circuito de Navarra. Here, fuel economy and social responsibility is the furthest thing from everyone's mind.

The new V8 engine gives away 67 horsepower but just 29 pound-feet of torque to the 12-cylinder model while the absence of four cylinders provides a weight saving of 25 kilograms over the front wheels and 50 overall. More importantly, the Continental's weight bias has shifted to a more balanced 51/49 front/rear ratio compared to the 54/46 for the 12-cylinder car.

On the track and the nearby two-lane highways, the V8 feels lighter on its feet, which makes the car more composed and responsive when cornering. The big coupe really does go where it's pointed with minimal objections from the front suspension.

Bentley's stopwatch numbers indicate a zero-to-60 m.p.h. (96 km/h) time of 4.6 seconds for the V8, barely two-tenths slower than the 12-cylinder car. In addition, the car's claimed 188 m.p.h. (301-km/h) top speed is 16 km/h slower than its stable mate, not that that really matters to the vast majority of buyers who will seldom travel at even half that speed.

By the numbers

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Bentley claims the Continental GT V8 can accelerate from zero-to-60 m.p.h. (96 km/h) in 4.6 seconds.

The raspy-sounding 4.0-litre V8 was jointly produced with VW's Audi division, where its derivatives are installed in the R8 sports car and S8 sedan. However, Bentley took its own path in developing the engine's innards, including the addition of cylinder deactivation that shuts down half the pistons under light- or no-load conditions to reduce fuel consumption. Another fuel-saving measure is the eight-speed automatic transmission (two more cogs than the 12 cylinder) that comes with manual shift controls plus its own separate coolant circulation system.

If you're into spirited driving, or a track day, make certain you select the virtually fade-proof carbon-ceramic brake-pad option for the massive 16-inch front and 13-inch rear rotors.

Visually, the V8 distinguishes itself from the current GT with its front air dam and matte-finish mesh-type grille. Yes, it's a subtle difference, but is more in keeping with the coupe's sporty character. Also noticeable are the distinctive standard and optional 20-inch wheels and the front and rear winged Bentley logo with a red background.

The Continental GT V8 joins the 12-cylinder model in North America later this summer and will be joined by a GTC convertible. That model will have lighter and softer steering that one Bentley spokesman says will better fit the higher percentage of women buyers looking for more luxury than sporting flair.

V8 pricing hasn't been established just yet, but expect the coupe to start in the $215,000 range.

Socially responsible? That depends on which end of the buying spectrum you're coming from.

Tooling around the Spanish countryside in both models gives one pause as to how the car might be received in a land where one-quarter of its workforce is unemployed. However those concerns were dispelled while rumbling through one village, where an elderly gent raised his cap at the passing parade of opulence and with a broad smile bowed in salute.

It might not be a Prius, a Volt or a Leaf, but the Continental GT V8 is a car that delivers driving passion, luxury and prestige to a select group of buyers who can also feel a bit better about their choice.

Socially responsible or not, the V8's exhaust was tuned to give the driver maximum aural pleasure. With 500 horsepower, the tires screech in protest, however. ALL PHOTOS BY WHEELBASE

It's plenty plush in there and you can feel good that your fuel economy is up by 40 per cent, if you're ginger with the throttle.

At 16 inches in diameter, the Continental GT's brake rotors are the biggest on just about any passenger car.

Luxury cars and racing helmets? The Continental GT V8 is still a performance machine.

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Dual exhausts on a family car. Beautiful. JUSTIN PRITCHARD/FOR METRO

A muscle sedan in disguise

Review.
2012 Nissan Maxima

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There's an interesting sticker on the rear side window of the Nissan Maxima that says "Four Door Sports Car." Interesting, if nothing else — as 'real' sports cars usually have two doors, weigh less than 3,600 pounds and can't accommodate a family of four or five.

At first, things look more stately and restrained than sporty.

Maxima has no spoiler. There's no hood scoop. It's not low to the ground, and it doesn't even have a loud exhaust. It's also front-wheel drive — where most of the world's highest-performing sports cars aren't.

And the tester was painted brown. I've never seen a brown sports car before and you probably haven't either.

There's some sleeper sportiness though — you've just got to look a little. High-performance xenon lighting, brake ducts, dual exhausts and big wheels were on board. Sporty touches inside include push-button engine start, paddle shifters and a 260 km/h speedometer.

Thanks to an award-winning V6 powerplant, that speedometer gets moving in a jiffy when drivers request it. Under Maxima's hood is a 3.5-litre V6 from Nissan's highly acclaimed VQ engine lineup. It puts 290 horsepower on tap — and is noted for its refinement, pleasing sound, linear, high-revving power curve and overall pleasantness.

Specs

- **Engine.** 3.5-L DOHC V6, 290 horsepower.
- **Drivetrain.** Front-wheel drive.
- **Observed Average Mileage.** 11L / 100km.
- **Price as Tested.** $40,680.

Plenty of power. Lots in fact — heck, Maxima will even torque-steer from highway speeds during full-throttle passing. The engine is smooth, eager and lovely sounding in the process.

Nissan's xTronic Continually Variable Transmission or CVT with shift paddles is the only transmission available.

With no actual 'stepped' gears to shift, it transmits power on a smooth and uninterrupted wave. Think snowmobile — if you've ever driven one. This type of transmission isn't a favourite among enthusiasts, but Nissan's done a great job of making it feel like a normal automatic, using the CVT technology to enhance responsiveness, and employing a lightning-fast 'simulated' manual shift mode that's fun to use.

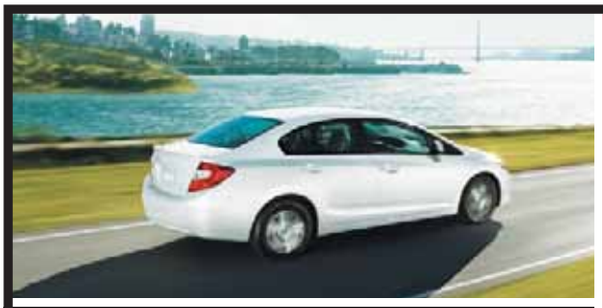
Planted, stable and confident handling and a light, quick steering help round out the entertainment factor. And despite its size and weight, Maxima feels locked down onto the road in fast bends — meaning the whole chassis invites exploration of its limits once you've dropped off the kids. Powerful brakes, too.

As big family sedans go, this one's rewarding to drive either gently or hard.

Complaints? Wind and road noise were more intrusive at speed than expected. And come on, Nissan: some of us can still drive a manual transmission.

End of the day, Maxima's big draw will be a blend of family-friendly operation and a generous helping of performance served up by its powertrain and handling. Pricing from about $38,000.

A front view of the Maxima. JUSTIN PRITCHARD/FOR METRO



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Turbocharged Fiat 500 Abarth is deliziosa

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The first time a Fiat 500 got the Abarth treatment was back in 1958. At that time, Abarth was an independent tuning company, and not part of Fiat as it is now, and Gina Lollobregida was hard to ignore on the silver screen.

Back then Abarth took Fiat's just-introduced, rear-engined mini-car, and recreated it as the Abarth 595 by raising the compression ratio on the 479 cc engine, fitting a Weber carburetor, optimizing fuel and intake systems, and adding a full Abarth exhaust system.

This doubled horsepower from 13 to 26!

The Abarth 595 evolved into Abarth 695, and the spunky, little Fiats went on to claim 900 individual race victories by 1965.

Fiat's newest take on the "small but wicked" theme is the new 2012 Fiat 500 Abarth. Its turbocharged, 1.4-litre "MultiAir" engine is not quite double the output of Fiat 500's base engine (101 hp/98 lb-ft of torque), but a pretty decent upgrade. How about 160 horses and 170 torques?

Of course, the over-achieving Fiat has more than just power to offer. The car has been lowered, big-wheeled, big-braked, stiffened and outfitted with quicker steering and better suspension. It also belts out a gnarly wail, via its Abarth-tuned dual-exhaust system.

The highlight of the interior makeover is the leather, flat-bottom steering wheel — one of the nicest I've ever fondled.

At the car's recent press launch in Nevada, Fiat had no qualms about letting journalists thrash them about the Spring Mountain Racing Facility. The Abarth took to the track like a C-list celebrity to a reality TV series, and it wasn't nearly as temperamental. In fact, it's a very forgiving, and easy, car to drive quickly, making it ideal for anyone contemplating a first-ever track-day car, which you could also use every day as a cool, fuel-efficient streetcar. Prices start at $23,995, and each one comes standard with a track-day experience.

The Fiat 500 has been optimized as a space-efficient city car. Translation: its bulbous body, 64/36 front/rear weight distribution, and front-wheel drive, are not optimized for racy car activities. But that the racy transformation was done, anyways, is just another one of the charms of this engaging, hot-headed Italian.

If you want one, don't drag your feet.

"We'll sell everyone we can get," says Ed Broadbear, VP of Marketing, Chrysler Canada. He half-jokingly added that he's got his fingers crossed that the Abarth flops in U.S., so more units can be diverted north. He's already heard from many Canadian customers who got it bad for Abarth and can't wait to get their hands on one. Its potential for future cult status has already been noted by Hagerty Insurance, who included the Fiat Abarth 500 on its current list of "Future Collector Cars Under $100,000."

The short list

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- Fiat 500 Abarth
- Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi
- Vespa GTS 300 Scooter
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When you hit the gas station, be sure to follow your car's instructions. FRED BOTTCHER/FOR METRO

There are two things to remember when filling up your car: tighten the fuel cap until it clicks, and don't top off the tank. Both of these are important because of your vehicle's emissions system, which helps to keep unburned gasoline vapors from escaping and polluting the air.

"The fuel system is a closed system so that vapors don't escape," says John-Paul Farag, manager of advanced technology and powertrain for Toyota Canada. "The clicks (on the fuel cap) ensure that you have a nice, tight seal."

If the cap isn't sealed tightly, special sensors will detect the pressure loss and can alert you by illuminating the "check engine" light on the dash.

"It's not necessarily something wrong with the engine," Farag says. The light could mean that a loose gas cap is setting off a sensor that's monitoring the emissions controls. Some vehicles have a specific warning light for a loose cap.

If your check engine light comes on, try tightening the cap. If that was the cause, it will probably go out after you've stopped and started the ignition several times. A light that stays solid is often minor, but if it flashes, it's usually something more serious that could leave you stranded.

At the gas station, your vehicle works with the pump to automatically shut off the fuel.

"If you look at the fuel pump nozzle, it usually has a curled piece of metal or a small hole beside the large hole where the fuel comes out," Farag says. Once the tank is full, a filler valve in the vehicle sends a little bit of air or liquid back to the nozzle, which prompts it to shut off. It's important not to keep pumping a little more in. The car's emissions system contains a charcoal canister — as it sounds, a small tank filled with charcoal — which captures stray gasoline vapors in the system. Every so often it purges itself, sending these raw vapors into the engine to be burned off. Topping off the tank could send liquid fuel into the canister, which can damage it.

Overfilling can also cause fuel to pour back out of the tank, which can mark the paint and expose you to dangerous fumes — not to mention the waste to your wallet.

Gas station tips

- Occasionally a gas pump won't co-operate with your car's filler, and will continue to shut off before the tank is full. If this happens, ease up on the trigger and pump the gas in slowly, which will usually solve the problem.
- Don't stand directly over the nozzle when you're filling your car. Gasoline fumes are dangerous and have been linked to long-term health problems such as nervous system damage.

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The suburban Detroit museum founded by auto pioneer Henry Ford has revamped its automotive displays, offering a fresh look at its rich collection and showcasing the enormous influence of the automobile on culture and daily life in the United States.

Driving America opened to the public in late January following a year of construction at Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn.

It features some of the most significant cars ever built, from early production vehicles to modern rides, and examines how automobiles shape the nation.

"It is an exhibition that resonates with us all and will challenge us to think differently about what we drive," Patricia Mooradian, president of The Henry Ford, said in a statement.

The 7,432-square-metre permanent exhibit includes 130 vehicles and more than 60 cases of artifacts. Touch-screen displays will offer access to images, videos and oral histories, as well as allow visitors to explore parts of the museum's collection that aren't on display.

People will be able to create a custom collection that can be accessed later via a smartphone or computer.

Driving America replaces the museum's old Automobile in American Life exhibit, which closed in early 2011 to make way for construction.

It sits between Henry Ford Museum's collection of trains and its Heroes of the Sky exhibit, which documents aviation's early years.

Walking through the Driving America displays, visitors will see muscle cars, race cars, trucks, sport utility vehicles and luxury cars. Sections look at auto repair, design, safety and marketing, as well as auto-related offshoots such as the road trip.

It will offer a look at cars through the eyes of people who use them — and those who don't, said Bob Casey, senior curator of transportation for The Henry Ford.

"Visitors will be asked to think about what attracted them to automobiles in the first place," Casey said.

"How have their definitions of style or luxury changed over time? How have their attitudes towards safety, or recreation or environmental costs changed?"

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Food stop and facts

- Lamy's Diner, a piece of roadside history that previously was a popular stop at the museum, also is getting a makeover ahead of the Driving America debut. Those who stop by the 1946 diner now will get the chance to eat diner-style food inside, not just walk through.
- The diner, built by the Worcester Lunch Car Co., operated for years as a restaurant in Massachusetts, according to a curator's account of its history. The museum bought it in the 1980s, moved it to Michigan and spent years restoring it to its original appearance for display.
- The cost of building Driving America hasn't been released. Visiting the exhibit is included in museum admission.
- Henry Ford Museum is part of The Henry Ford, a history attraction that includes Greenfield Village. A future exhibit also is in the works titled Racing in America, focusing on innovation in American auto racing and the behind-the-scenes culture of the sport.

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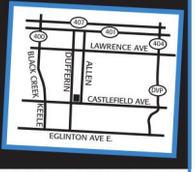

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Most X5 and ML shoppers weren't likely cross-shopping Hyundai dealers — though the Veracruz effectively put a world-class crossover within reach of many Canadians.

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Engine

All models got a 3.8-litre V6 with 260 horsepower and a six-speed automatic transmission. Most had AWD, though a lower-priced, front-drive Veracruz was available — depending on the year.

What Owners Like

Owners say a combination of quality, styling, interior appearance, safety ratings and a great driving position attracted them to the Veracruz, while attractive pricing and Hyundai's warranty coverage helped seal the deal.

What Owners Dislike

Complaints include limited third-row seating space, which is a standard gripe in most three-row crossover models. Some owners do report a rough or jarring ride, particularly on models with larger wheels and on rougher roads.

Common Issues

Some owners have reported problems getting the keyfob to open the power tailgate, a CD player that won't eject discs, or a faulty 'resume' button for the cruise control system. Ensure these features all work properly — and check the automatic climate control, air conditioner, entertainment console, power seats and all lights, too.

Check the taillamps for signs of cracking, and note that driveability issues related to the engine in terms of 'sputtering' or lumpy power delivery are likely caused by failing oxygen sensors.

Verdict

Though information is somewhat sparse, the Veracruz looks to be a solid performer with no systematic or glaring problems reported by its small but largely-happy owner community. Opt for as new and low-mileage a unit as your budget allows, maximizing your protection from Hyundai's warranty.

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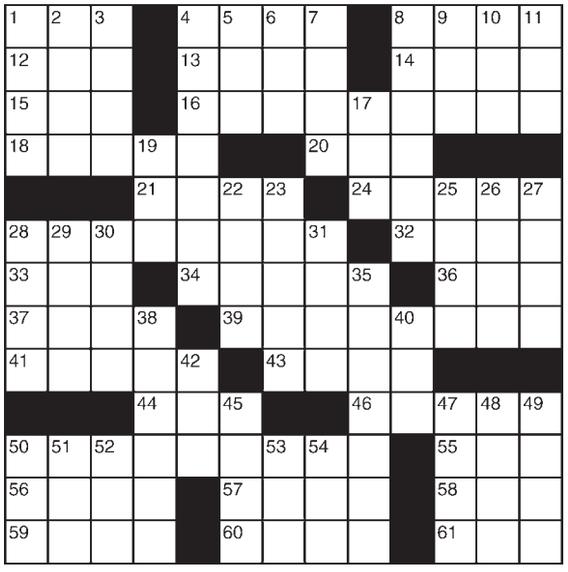
Across

1 Omega preceder
4 Evergreen variety
8 Gulf War missile
12 Disencumber
13 Sauce thickener
14 Heap
15 Individual
16 Form into a whole
18 Song of David
20 Demure
21 Dines on
24 Coffee option
28 Vex
32 Toss the dice
33 Ultramodernist
34 Banish
36 Dove's call
37 Hammer's target
39 Flood
41 Pie-in-the-face sound
43 Pleased
44 Flop
46 Wherewithal
50 Settle in a new country
55 "A pox upon thee!"
56 Pugilist's garment
57 MPs' quarry
58 Expert
59 Greek vowels
60 Clothing store department
61 Scarlet

Down

1 Item on stage
2 Transgressions
3 Concept
4 Ape, e.g.
5 Charged bit
6 Cashew or almond
7 Corp. higher-up
8 More agile
9 U.S. spy grp.
10 Last (Abbr.)
11 Sandra or Ruby
17 Deity
19 Floral neckwear
22 Cab
23 Con game
25 Imogene of old TV
26 Oodles
27 Ice sheet
28 Hostels
29 Harvest
30 Stir up
31 Hebrew month
35 Paint store choices
38 Half the audience?
40 JFK predecessor
42 Yank
45 Pharmacist's weight
47 Off in the distance
48 Pleasant
49 Start a garden
50 Rage
51 Witticism
52 Biz deg.
53 Shock and —
54 Won — soup



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Sudoku

			3			8		
8	9						3	
		7			5		2	
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1								8
	8			9	1	3	5	
	1		2			4		
	5						6	1
		8			4			

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer

6	9	5	7	2	4	1	8	3
8	4	7	1	9	3	6	2	5
1	2	3	5	6	8	4	9	7
4	7	2	3	8	5	9	6	1
9	1	6	2	4	7	3	5	8
5	3	8	6	1	9	7	4	2
7	5	4	9	3	2	8	1	6
3	6	9	8	5	1	2	7	4
2	8	1	4	7	6	5	3	9

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- **My Husband.** I see you on here & you will get caught this time. I will not come bac.k why do you play with my heart take me for granted? forever forever what a joke you are. your wife
- **My Ladies.** I know u find me resistable but i just wanted u to know that i am still counting on the day u make me lemon loaf. Please yodel for me my lady From Lavergne
- **Confuse Anything.** my mind & body hasn't fully restored itself from last 2 weeks. I'm recovering...Pls be. From mm

Horoscope

Aries | March 21 - April 20. Try not to get emotional today — and under no circumstances get emotional about money or material things.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21. The planets indicate that if you focus your mind on positive things, negative will cease to exist.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. You may suffer some kind of setback today but the thing to remember is that in the greater scheme of things, it is minor.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. Wishful thinking seems to be a bit of a problem for you at the moment. Stop living in your head.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. Don't rush into a new situation today. Take your time and get a feel for what it's about then make your play based on your instincts.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. If you have your doubts about something then you must speak up, even if you risk annoying people higher up the pecking order.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. Do something irrational and outrageous, something that gets tongues wagging.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. If a relationship has not been going well of late, now is the time to kiss and make up. Make it a sizzler.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. Someone wants to repay you for a favour or several favours you did for them a while back.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. Creatively and romantically, this is quite possibly one of the very best days of the year so far.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. You won't be interested in work, but certain tasks still need to be finished. Do whatever it takes to get others to do things for you.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. You know a good thing when you see one and what you are looking at now is as good as it gets.

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Horsepower (hp)	156	140	148
Torque (lb.-ft.)	144	128	135
Interior Cargo Space (L)	415	353	335
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Horsepower (hp)	200	177	178
Torque (lb.-ft.)	186	161	170
Automatic Transmission	6 Speed	5 Speed	6 Speed
Fog Lights	✓	✗	✗
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Horsepower (hp)	191	185	171
Torque (lb.-ft.)	181	163	171
Towing Capacity (lbs)	1,650	1,499	1,499
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